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EDGE HILL TEAM'S CYSTIC FIBROSIS BREAKTHROUGH!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Gene therapy treatment discovery could 'dramatically change' lives of sufferers

AN Edge Hill University associate professor in human biology has helped to discover a breakthrough gene therapy treatment halting the debilitating effects of cystic fibrosis.

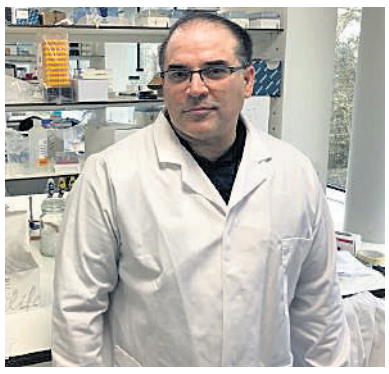
Dr Aristides Tagalakis and his team have found that nanoparticles can be used in gene therapy to regulate and 'silence' (stop) the mutated genes responsible for producing thick mucus in the lungs of people with cystic fibrosis.

The life-shortening genetic condition, which affects around 100,000 people worldwide, causes the production of thick, sticky mucus in the lungs and other organs.

Nanoparticles, ranging from one nanometre to 100 nanometers in size (a nanometer is equal to one billionth of metre) usually contain only a few hundred atoms and have very large surface area to volume ratios.

Two cystic fibrosis patients die each week in the UK with over 90% of deaths caused by thickening mucus and bacterial infections leading to inflammation and lung disease.

Currently people with the condition generally only have the option of physical (physiotherapy) and oral (drug) treatments.



Dr Aristides Tagalakis in his lab.

But the Edge Hill team's breakthrough could lead to a permanent correction of the genes responsible providing a non-viral, long-term 'cure' for the condition.

Laboratory tests show nanoparticles effectively penetrate the mucus and silence the expression of the mutant gene meaning it could no longer effectively regulate mucus production.

One dose effectively silenced the gene by 30% over seven days. Three doses increased the silencing to 50%.

Major innovation

Dr Aristides said: "The causative gene for cystic fibrosis was identified back in 1989 but this research is a major innovation. Targeted nanoparticle delivery is a new concept in cystic fibrosis treatment. These nanoparticles move more rapidly through mucus, can reach their target cells and can be repeatedly administered over a long period.

"The next stage is to continue this research as we hope that this nanomedicine, delivered by inhalation, will one day

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Council launches new development company

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has formed its very own development company with plans to build up to 340 homes over the next five years.

The formation of the company, to be known as Tawd Valley Developments Limited, was formally agreed at the meeting of the council on February 27 and planning is already underway for the building of 77 'good quality' homes in Skelmersdale in the next 12 months, including 48 to be retained by the council for social housing.

The council says the new homes will be delivered for local people building on recent successful major housing projects such as the current Walmsley Drive development in Ormskirk.

Profits from house sales will be returned to the council as the only shareholder of the company and the authority says it will help to support its "ambitious" priorities for the borough.

The company will also build much-needed 'affordable' homes for rental to be retained by the council.

Responding to media questions at a conference held at council offices, leaders and officials said that the council had successfully bid for a £780,000 grant from Government to set the company up. Four non-salaried directors are currently being recruited to run it and a five-year business plan projects the company to make £4m surplus.

Leader of the council and cabinet member for economic regeneration, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "One of the council's top priorities is to deliver tangible improvements for the local economy by developing commercial and residential property.

"This would help support new and growing businesses, retain and grow

Councillor Ian Moran.

jobs and increase the number of residents in the area.

"Tawd Valley Developments Limited will help the council achieve that and generate income for West Lancashire, including through council tax and business rates to support frontline services and more exciting projects."

And Councillor Jenny Forshaw, cabinet member for housing and landlord services, added: "A key role of Tawd Valley Developments Limited will be to facilitate the building of much-needed, new affordable housing in West Lancashire. This will benefit people across the borough."

The council says that Tawd Valley Developments Limited's main objectives will be to acquire and develop sites for residential and commercial development.

In addition, the company will seek to secure additional private and Government investment into the borough; create relationships with landowners, developers and investors which deliver financial and regeneration benefits; and maximise appropriate development and accelerate growth by providing property and commercial expertise.

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Borough to mark Commonwealth Day

LOCAL schoolchildren will help the borough council to raise the Commonwealth Flag at a special ceremony on Monday, March 11 to mark Commonwealth Day 2019.

Celebrations will begin around 9.50am when the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, and other civic dignitaries will be joined by children from Ormskirk CE Primary School, outside the council offices in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Messages from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations will be read out and the mayor will also address those present. A specially-written Commonwealth Affirmation will be read before the flag is raised.

Councillor Delaney said: "I am really proud that West Lancashire will be joining people across the world in raising the Commonwealth Flag. This year is the 70th anniversary of the 1949 London Declaration which brought into being the Commonwealth we know today."

After the flag-raising ceremony light refreshments will be served in the Mayor's Room.

Club's £20k 'lifesaver' gift to Blood Bikers

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of a West Lancs motorcycle club have given a five-figure boost to a regional charity with a lifesaving role.

The Scarisbrick & District Armada Motorcycle Club donated and presented a new, fully-liveried, BMW R1200 RT-P, worth £20,000, to the North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes Charity on Sunday, March 3.

The presentation was held at the club's meeting venue, The Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick, where the bike was handed over to the charity's chairman, Paul Brooks and fleet manager, Simon Hanson.

Made up entirely of volunteers, the North West Blood Bikes provide out-of-hours emergency support to the NHS free of charge carrying urgent and emergency medical items, including blood, X-rays, samples, drugs, and documentation, between hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Since starting seven years ago, the charity, which is completely funded by voluntary contribution, has seen its workload increase massively and they now handle more than 1,250 calls each month.

The £20k BMW is presented to the Blood Bikers.

The Scarisbrick & District Armada Motorcycle Club is made up of motorcycle enthusiasts of all ages. Most of the current members own a breadth of motorcycles, from collectable classics to today's modern machines.

Among other things, the club runs the 'PLOP Enduro' C90 Race series. This is an eight-hour endurance event, organised as a fun day on bikes which is not going to break the bank and aimed at raising money for good causes while allowing entrants access to top circuits such as Mallory Park, Anglesey Circuit and Cadwell Park, riding Honda C90 machines which date back to production in 1966.

To date the club has made significant donations to a number of organisations, including the North West, North Wales and Northern Ireland air ambulances, and Aintree Hospital's trauma unit.

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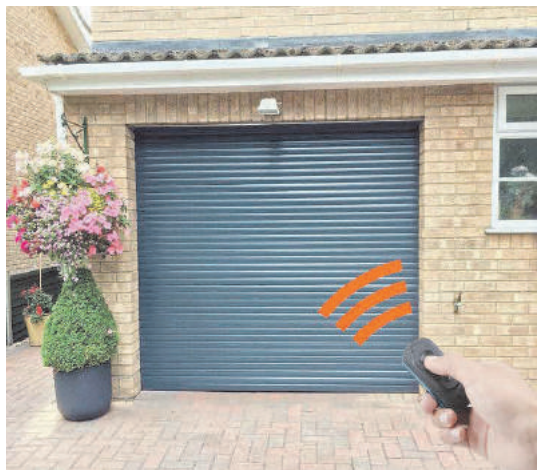

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Council tax bills in West Lancs to rise by 4.81%

Report by **Kenny Parker**

COUNCIL tax bills in West Lancashire are set to rise by nearly 5% this year.

The increase in the borough council's share of the overall figure is 2.99%, while charges for Lancashire County Council increase by 3.99%.

Combined with a 2.99 % increase for the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and a 13.52% increase in the police precept, the overall charge will increase by 4.81%.

The council tax for some areas will also include a parish council precept.

The new annual charges for the various property bands are as follows:
Band A - £1,213.94; Band B - £1,416.26; Band C - £1,618.59; Band D - £1,820.91; Band E - £2,225.56; Band F - £2,630.20; Band G - £3,034.85; Band H £3,641.82.

Most of the properties in West Lancashire are designated Band A or B.

The borough council says the new budget will ensure the continuation of front-line services at current levels while also securing funding for a number of important schemes, including a review into food security, and repair and maintenance of swimming pools.

Council bosses say the authority continues to face a challenging financial position due to reductions in Government grant funding. As a result the council has had to make savings and generate additional income amounting to more than £10 million. And it still needs to save or raise additional income of £1.9 million by 2021/22 to meet the budget gap.

Councillor Adam Yates

Councillor Adam Yates, the council's portfolio holder for resources and transformation, said it had been very difficult to plan for the medium term due to uncertainly over the future.

In preparing the budget for 2019/20, he said the council had worked hard to avoid service reductions and has also been able to find funding for a number of schemes including extra support for implementing the Tawd Valley Park project; commissioning a study into food insecurity in the borough; and structural repair work at Park Pool and Nye Bevan Sports Centre, to ensure their continued maintenance while the council implements plans for new leisure and wellbeing hubs.

Cllr. Yates said: "For the best part of a decade, this council has had its funding reduced year-on-year by central government. We continue to face further significant financial challenges ahead, particularly with the move to make all local authorities self-funding by 2020/21 and the lack of information currently being provided by Government to allow us to plan for the medium term.

"However, we are determined to maintain frontline services, while still investing in our council and our borough to make real improvements for local people.

"Through initiatives such as our new development company, we will be looking to generate additional income and make a positive social impact by providing more affordable housing across West Lancashire.

"We are also undertaking a full strategic review of all council services to improve accessibility for residents and to deliver further efficiencies where possible."

Edge Hill biologist's cystic fibrosis breakthrough

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help children to breathe more easily and stop them from getting so many bacterial infections and often ending up in hospital.

"This could dramatically change their lives, giving them a better quality of life. Ultimately the aim of my Nanobiotechnology and Translational Medicine Group, in conjunction with Blackpool NHS Teaching Hospitals Adult Cystic Fibrosis Service, is to use gene editing not just to silence but to permanently correct mutated genes responsible for the condition."

The work was funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Action Medical Research and the Wellcome Trust.

Veterans' tea party invite

OLDER people's charity Age UK Lancashire is celebrating local veterans by holding a special Afternoon Tea event at their Wellbeing Centre in Moorgate, Ormskirk on Wednesday, March 13.

Running from 2 to 4pm, the event is free to attend but booking is essential.

Guests will enjoy refreshments and there will also be live musical entertainment and a raffle.

Christine Mottley from the charity said: "We are putting this event as part of our Older Veterans project, where we support people to regain confidence and take part in social activities. This is a celebration of our older veterans who served our country and we are hoping for a really good turnout."

To find out more or to book a place contact Christine on 07794 620596 or go along to the Wellbeing Centre.

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Consultation launched on plan to axe school bus services subsidies

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a public consultation about plans to remove subsidies to school bus services in the county.

The controversial move is part of a number of measures aimed at saving the authority £46m by 2022/23.

Changes to school transport is one of a number of proposals being put out to public consultation before councillors make a final decision.

Councils are legally required to provide free home to school transport for some students, and normally this is done by operating a school bus. Where there are seats available, other students can also use the bus by buying a season ticket or paying a fare.

The county council is proposing to remove the funding for some school bus services where no students who are entitled to free home to school transport have used them for the last two years, and the cost of providing the bus is not covered by season tickets or fares bought by other students.

If cabinet agree the proposal it would affect services from September 2020, giving schools and parents a full academic year's notice before funding was removed.

County Councillor Geoff Driver "We genuinely want to hear people's views on these proposed changes."

In the interim the council says it would work with schools and bus operators to see if there was another way to provide the service. It would also carry out a review of which services are affected every year.

The services currently affected in West Lancashire, where no students who are entitled to free home to school transport have used them for the last two years are:

- The 605 Holmeswood-Rufford-Tarleton Academy (used as a connection service to Burscough Priory, Bishop Rawstorne CE Academy, St Bede's Catholic High School).
- The 743 Skelmersdale War Memorial-Lathom High School.
- The 913 Skelmersdale War Memorial-Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic High School.

Leader of Lancashire County Council, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "While it is essential that as a council we balance the books, we do have sufficient flexibility in the budget to amend it if we are persuaded to do so by the results of consultations.

'Committed'

"We genuinely want to hear people's views on these proposed changes and the cabinet will consider all the responses very carefully before making a decision later in the year.

"We remain committed to providing the best services we can to the people of Lancashire, and particularly to protecting services for the most vulnerable in our communities."

The consultation on school transport runs until Monday, April 8.

Anyone who would like to respond can find the consultation online by searching 'consultations' at www.lancashire.gov.uk.

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OWL challenges council's claims on scale of changes to Local Plan options

...but Labour accuses independent group of 'political point-scoring'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

OUR West Lancashire has challenged the recent statement by the ruling Labour group on the borough council that it will 'significantly scale back' the controversial 30-year Local Plan Preferred Options proposals.

The independent group claims that there will only be slight amendments and urged to voters "kill off" the plan by opposing Labour members at the forthcoming local elections.

However, Labour refuted the claim and accused OWL of "a poor attempt at political point-scoring."

Following the public consultation on the proposed Local Plan, which would shape development in the borough for the next 30 years, the Labour group said it had listened to concerns and would "significantly" reduce the amount of Green Belt released and the number of houses planned.

The announcement was welcomed by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper who said she had been contacted by hundreds or residents "expressing their deep concerns" about the proposals.

But OWL has said that the bulk of the plan remained essentially on the table and that the number of houses will only be slightly reduced.

The independent group's leader, Councillor Adrian Owens said that the Labour statement was "high on rhetoric, but said little."

'Inaccurate'

He added: "I and my OWL colleague, Councillor Ian Davis were briefed on the local plan by the council. The 30-year timeframe is staying; the large logistics parks by the M58 are staying; the need for huge tracts of Green Belt and most versatile agricultural land for development is staying.

"The main change is that the council have been found out on their inaccurate calculations of housing numbers. The representation from Sefton Council makes clear that many of the statements our council made in the consultation document last autumn could not be substantiated. West Lancs Ccouncil is still going to propose new housing numbers well into five-figure territory and expect us to be pleased that the number is slightly less than the previous number they conjured up.

"Our MP is correct. The whole proposals should be scrapped and the local plan review process recommenced. That's what we are campaigning for as well. Only by punishing Labour at the ballot box in May will local voters and residents get the changes that they so clearly want."

In response Labour stated: "We are in the process of reviewing the detailed responses to the Local Plan from residents. Once everyone's views have been considered, along with an evaluation of changes to the evidence base used to develop the original options within the plan, we will be able to set out our specific changes to the Local Plan proposals.

"We have said from the outset that the purpose of the consultation is to listen to residents' views in order to help shape the next Local Plan and we take that duty seriously.

"Councillor Adrian Owens completely ignored the views of residents when he was part of the Conservative leadership that created the last Local Plan, and was directly responsible for creating the market for student HMOs in Ormskirk.

"He has based his comments on a presentation given before the responses from residents have been fully evaluated. As usual, this is a poor attempt at political point-scoring from Our West Lancashire and not a valid attempt to support residents."

Councillor Adrian Owens.

Trust nursing recruitment day

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust are holding a nursing recruitment event on Saturday, March 23

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County council accused of trying to 'gag' public on development issues

...but leader says changes to engagement with residents aim to 'streamline process' and 'probably improve democracy'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE Labour group on Lancashire County Council has accused the authority's Conservative-led administration of attempting to prevent the public from having a say on local developments.

Changes to the way the public engage with the council's development control committee, which considers planning decisions like fracking, industrial development and road building, were passed following a vote, but Labour claims they limit people's right to speak out.

The proposal put to councillors was to withdraw the opportunity for the public to make presentations to the committee (this was 30 minutes); a cap on the number of speakers able to address the committee in one sitting; cutting the time available to each individual to address the committee to three minutes; and introducing a '15 for' and '15 against' scheme to public presentations limiting each to three minutes to a maximum of 90 minutes.

County Councillor Fillis.

Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis, Labour's deputy leader, said: "What is this ruling group running scared of? There is nothing wrong with scrutiny, and public engagement in local decisions is a good thing. This decision limits democracy. It is a further blatant attempt by this Conservative administration to quash public debate of their decisions."

However, council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver claimed the changes were aimed at streamlining the process and would probably improve democracy.

He said: "Councillor Fillis is confusing the independent development control committee with the administration; or perhaps the development control committee wasn't independent under the previous Labour administration!

"The proposal is simply to streamline the procedure and probably enhances democracy because it enables the public to contribute in a more structured way. Even after these changes, Lancashire County Council allows considerably more participation than any other."

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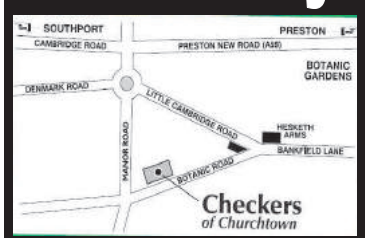

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Substation plan sparks residents' fury

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of residents in Aughton have written to West Lancs Council expressing their "absolute disgust" over plans for an electricity substation to be installed on what they say is Green Belt land.

They have also forwarded a petition to the authority opposing the proposal for the siting of the structure in Sandy Lane as part of a power supply upgrade on the Merseyrail Network.

In their letter to the council residents of Sandy Lane and neighbouring Mickering Lane, wrote: "As far as we are aware this is Green Belt land reserved for animal grazing and agriculture, and to put a monstrosity like a substation in plain view is an absolute disgrace.

"There has been no consultation for the residents. In your documentation you mention speaking to No. 1 Mickering Lane but this was not a consultation. The documentation we have seen has been stuck to a lamp post with a very small font which nobody noticed or read.

"Please confirm what the consultation is meant to contain, why we were not included and our rights to appeal

"A resident stated that surveyors were here last week with cameras and only then were we alerted to the fact that something was happening. When approached one of the men stated they were not allowed to tell us why they were here. Only after searching the council's website did we see the plans for this substation.

"A resident contacted Network Rail on February 12 and is still awaiting a response."

The residents have also expressed concerns about implications for health and safety if the substation is built. They added: "Sandy Lane and Mickering Lane both have families with young children. We refer to a paper published by the House of Commons (SN06051) and library research paper 94/119. The paper has a particular focus that exposure to electromagnetic fields may double the likelihood of childhood leukaemia.

"There are many short and long-term dangers living so close to a power station, including but not limited to headaches, memory loss, reasoning and vision, and miscarriage."

Residents also believe that the proposal would result in "some harm" to the character and appearance of the surrounding landscape and "significant harm" to the visual amenity of users of public footpaths through and around the site.

And they claimed that there was plenty of land parallel to the lines running to and from Liverpool that could be used instead.

A Network Rail spokeswoman said: "A new substation is vital to provide the extra power needed for the arrival of new state-of-the-art Merseyrail trains on the Ormskirk line. New trains will be arriving on to the Merseyrail network next year.

"We've investigated several sites near the railway between Butchers Lane and Sandy Lane in Aughton, and a planning application has been submitted for the area near Sandy Lane which was the most suitable for its location and access.

"Network Rail follows strict guidelines, issued by the Rail Safety Standards Board (RSSB), when installing electricity substations to ensure they comply with internationally-accepted safety standards.

"Local people have been invited to a drop-in event with Network Rail, Merseytravel, Merseyrail and West Lancashire Borough Council on Wednesday, March 13 to discuss the proposals and ask any questions they may have."

West Lancs Council have been contacted for comment.

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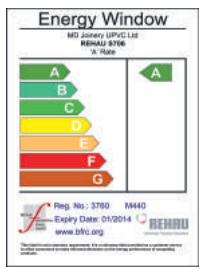

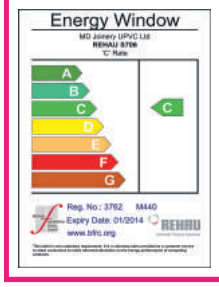

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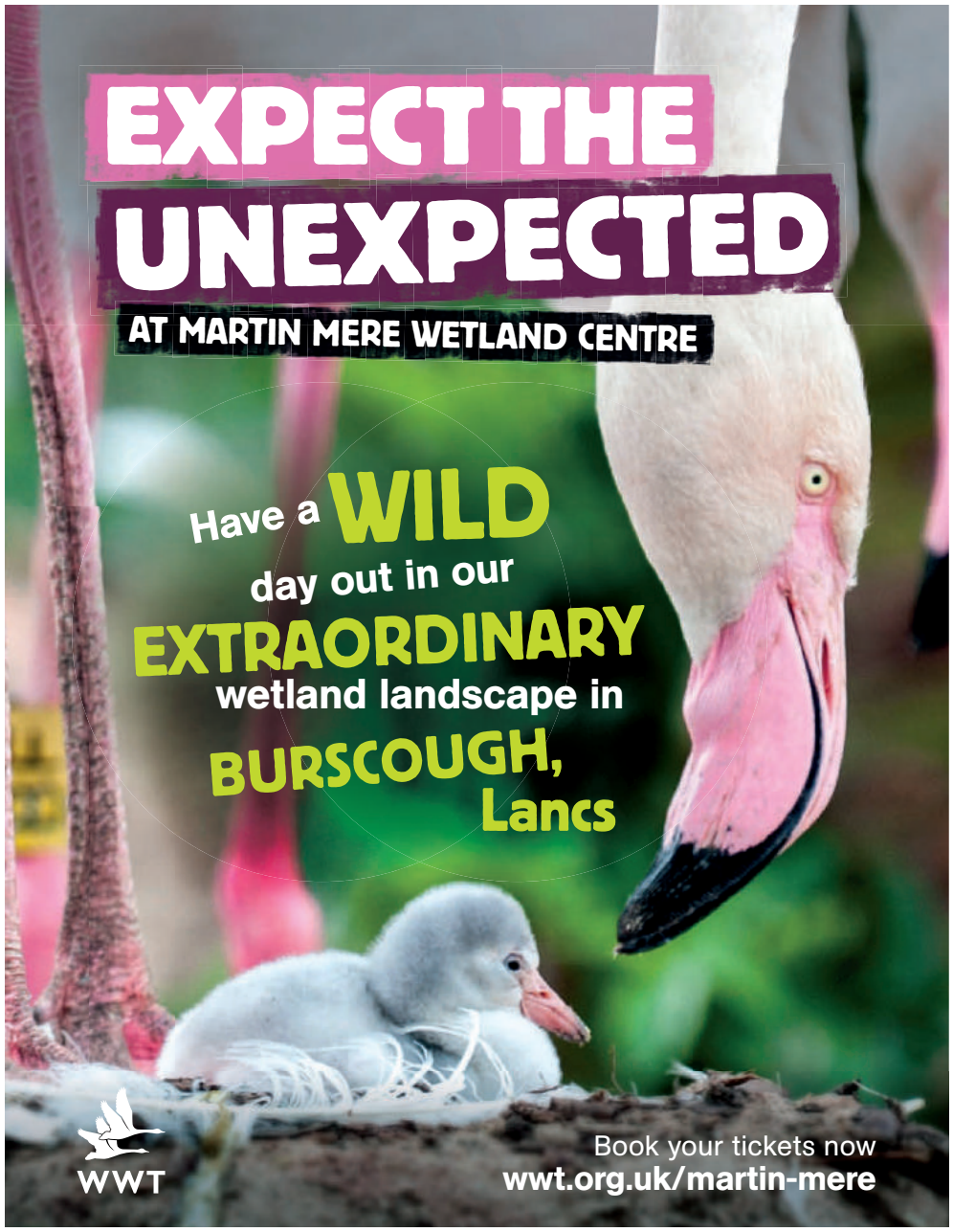

Nuala's 'grand' target for cancer charity

Entertainer 'discovered' at 60 hoping to raise £1,000 from debut CD sales in memory of dad

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CARE home entertainer who discovered she had a talent for writing music when she was 50 and released her first album at 60 is now harnessing her talents to raise £1,000 for a cancer charity in memory of her late father.

Nuala Duxbury from Lathom was thrilled when she released her debut CD - appropriately entitled *I'd Rather be 60 than Sweet 16* - June last year.

Produced with the help of local musicians, Davy Edge and Phill Orme, at Phill's recording studio in Burscough, the CD attracted interest from BBC Music Introducing, which is dedicated to discovering and supporting new music, and she appeared on both Radio Merseyside and Radio Lancashire.

Nuala said: "It was very exciting and there was always the chance that I might be 'discovered' at the tender age of 60! My dad, who was incredibly supportive, would have been so proud of me."

Sadly, her dad, Arthur Magennis, was diagnosed with myeloma - a form of blood cancer - and died before the release of the CD, which features six songs, including the title track.

Now, Nuala, who works as an entertainer in care homes in Lancashire and Merseyside, is selling her CDs to raise money for Myeloma UK which works to find a cure for the disease as well as supporting patients and their families.

Nuala added; "Although Myeloma is the second most common form of blood cancer, I'd never even heard of it before my dad's diagnosis.

"I'd love to think that my CDs could help in some small way towards funding to find a cure."

The entertainer has raised more than £200 to date via donations on her JustGiving page, www.justgiving.com/nuala-duxbury, and selling her CDs for £5. Now, she is hoping local clubs and societies will book her to perform and help boost her fundraising campaign.

The cover of Nuala's debut CD.

"I've already entertained at a luncheon club in Huyton where everyone was incredibly supportive and I have another booking in St Helens later in the year but if anyone else like to book me that would be wonderful."

She also hopes people will offer their support by visiting her website www.nualaduxbury.co.uk and simply donating £1 and asking everybody they know to donate £1.

"That way we can hopefully create a ripple effect and reach my target of raising £1,000. For a £1 donation you have a one in five chance of winning a copy of the CD, for a £5 donation you will receive a CD and every single penny raised goes to Myeloma UK."

The CDs are available online from website www.nualaduxbury.co.uk, where you can listen to all six songs, or you can buy them from All About Hair in Liverpool Road North, Burscough, and Enelle's Glasshouse restaurant in Lord Street, Southport.

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New book aims to tell the 'human story' of wartime naval airbase

Report by **Kenny Parker**

LOCAL historian Michael Dawson has written a new book which aims to tell the 'human story' of the former HMS Ringtail naval base in Burscough.

Founder of the *Images of Burscough and Surrounding Areas* heritage group, dedicated to gathering and preserving memorabilia from the area to make it available for the community, Michael has previously written six books or booklets but says his latest book, *HMS Ringtail, Royal Naval Air Station Burscough: A Pearl Under the Clouds*, is his biggest undertaking "by far".

He says the aim of the book is to tell the human side of the Ringtail story to make it more interesting to a wider range of readers who might not appreciate the more technical side of the subject.

HMS Ringtail has held a lifelong fascination for Michael, the site having been an adventure playground for him when he was a young boy in the 1970s, and then becoming a hobby as he learned about its important role as a naval airbase in the Second World War.

The site is now occupied by an industrial estate and retail park with the Booths supermarket there designed to resemble a Second World War aircraft hangar.

However, Michael says many people don't know about HMS Ringtail's illustrious past and its important role and the local historian says it amuses him to see the looks of disbelief and 'don't be silly' expressions when he tells them about it.

Michael Dawson with a copy of *HMS Ringtail, Royal Naval Air Station Burscough: A Pearl Under the Clouds* and (right) the cover of the new book .

The 60-page book, containing more than 80 photos and several illustrations, is the result of many hours of painstaking research, assisted by two fellow enthusiasts, Lawrence Critchley and Ray Jones.

Michael says: "My challenge was how to put it all together as a book and to make it interesting for all to read, as I am aware the subject matter is not for everyone. Including the human story, rather than just the technical side of the air station, seemed the way to go.

"This would cover local history, stories from inside the base from the people who were there and, most importantly and something many people don't realise, the effect on local people who lost their homes and farms requisitioned by the state through compulsory purchase order in the Second World War so that HMS Ringtail could be built.

"With all that in mind I have tried to put together a balanced story of Burscough's old naval airfield from its beginnings and right up to the present day. I have also tried my best to be as accurate with the information as possible."

The book is priced at £12.50, with all profits going to *Images of Burscough* to help fund exhibitions and add to the archive.

To buy a copy, contact the author on 07795 578 025 or send a cheque to: Michael Dawson, 54 The Quays, Burscough, L40 5TW, adding £2 for postage and packaging if required. Michael says he is happy to deliver in the Burscough area.

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IF you've ever fancied becoming a borough or parish councillor, now's your chance to find out what it entails and how to go about it ahead of forthcoming local elections.

West Lancs Council and 10 local parish councils are holding elections on Thursday, May 2 and new candidates can stand if they meet the eligibility criteria.

There will be 18 seats contested in this year's borough council elections - one in each of the wards - and 81 seats across the parishes.

Councillors have three main roles as follows:

- To represent the people in their local area and listen to their views.
- To make decisions about how the council is run, what services should be provided, and how money is spent.
- To provide community leadership, for example enabling different organisations to work together to make their area a better place.

To help and encourage would-be new candidates West Lancs Council is holding a briefings for people interested in standing for election, or acting as an agent, in the Council Chamber at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk on Monday, March 11 at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Kim Webber, Returning Officer at West Lancashire Borough Council.

Kim Webber, Returning Officer for the May elections, said: "The briefinngs will cover what you need to know about the election process. There will also be the opportunity to speak informally to electoral officers after the event. People who are interested in standing are invited to come along to one of the briefings.

"There are no set qualifications or experience required to be a councillor. For example, skills gained through raising a family, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups are just as valuable as skills gained in employment or training.

"The role is a responsible position which allows you to make a real difference to the area you represent."

Candidates must be British or a citizen of the Commonwealth, be at least 18 years old, registered to vote in the area or have lived, worked or owned property there for at least 12 months before an election.

Current eligibility criteria also includes EU citizens but that is likely to change if the UK exits the EU on March 29 as planned.

You can't be a councillor if you work for the authority you want to stand for, or for another local authority in a political restricted post.

Other exclusions include being subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order (or interim order); being sentenced to prison for three months or more (including suspended sentences) during the five years before election day; or being convicted of a corrupt or illegal practice by an election court

To register your interest in attending the briefing or to find out more, contact the Elections Team on 01695 585013 or by email to elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk.

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More than 95% of county's secondary pupils allocated places at preferred schools

...and final figures could rise pending appeals

MORE than 95 % of pupils in Lancashire will be attending one of their preferred secondary schools or academies this September, according to the county council.

The authority's figures for secondary school admissions show that 83.6% of pupils will get their first preference; 8.7% will go to schools which were their second choice; and 3% will attend their third preference school.

The remaining 4.7% have been allocated places at other schools.

However, the numbers of those receiving preferred places is likely to rise as appeals are heard and other adjustments are made.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Waiting to find out which secondary school you've been allocated can be an anxious time, for both parents and children.

"I have first-hand experience of this, so I know exactly how parents feel at this time.

"I'm pleased to know that 95.3% of pupils in Lancashire will be getting one of their three preferences and 83.6% have their first preference. Importantly, every pupil whose application was received on time has been allocated a secondary school place.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools.

"School places are allocated fairly and objectively, and every application is agreed upon using the criteria which have been agreed for that school.

"Our admissions team do a good job advising parents how to use their preferences wisely and, what to do if they are unhappy with the place they've got.

"And there's still a lot of movement with the allocation of school places between now and September."

Advice

This year more than 95% of parents overall chose to complete their application online.

The council says parents will receive details about who to contact for advice and information on school admissions and appeals in the offer letter or email they receive.

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With the development of many new housing estates and apartments in the area, Burscough's population has recently grown rapidly.

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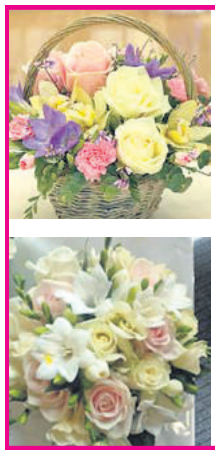

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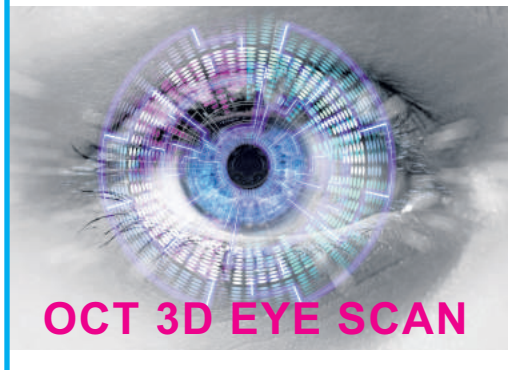

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One of the biggest events in its calendar is Burscough Heritage Weekend. This year is no different and the 1940's themed event will take place on 22nd & 23rd June 2019 so look out for more details. As part of this event the annual Raft Race will happen on Sunday afternoon and once again we are looking for new competitors. Please contact us on 01695 576844 or nickeckersley@nreltd.co.uk for more details.

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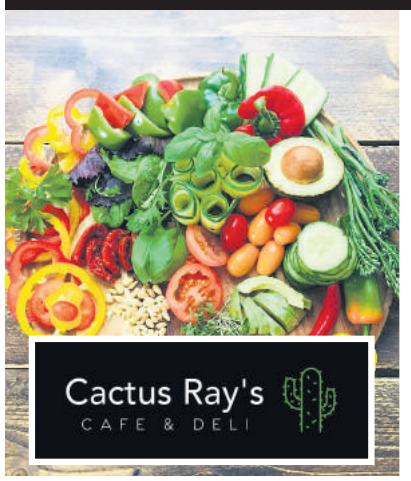

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Cycling clubs are biggest offenders when it comes to flouting the rules of the road

IT is very interesting to see that Tony Richardson of Newburgh writes (Letters, February 20) to say that the Highway Code advises cyclists should not ride more than two abreast and that they may need to move into a single file in some situations.

The code quite clearly states; 'never ride more than two abreast, and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads and when riding round bends.'

This is quite clearly not an advert to ride two abreast as 'the norm' as he states in his letter, as bends and busy narrow roads figure a lot in this area.

He also says that it takes less time to overtake a group of a given number when they are two abreast than when they are in a single file, such as a cycling club. Not so when the group is 20-plus in number, cycling two and sometimes three abreast, on a busy road and usually narrow one as well, is contrary to the Highway Code.

This is the equivalent of overtaking a slow, large vehicle and very often there is traffic coming the other way and therefore is not possible which leads to frustration and dangerous attempts to pass the group.

Whilst having concern for cyclists and the interaction with other traffic, it's about time the cycling groups that take to the roads on a Sunday, in particular, got their members to ride to the Highway Code and stop abusing motorists with unauthorised hand signals (!) who in their opinion are in the wrong by overtaking them.

They should ride with consideration to others by abiding by the traffic rule of law such as stopping at traffic lights; signalling their intention to turn; giving way to traffic at major road junctions before turning out in front of them; not riding at speed down pavements; ride in single file not two or three abreast; not weaving in and out of traffic streams when in slow traffic; not coming alongside a vehicle that is signalling the intention to turn left etc.

The biggest offenders are the cycling clubs' mob-handed outings. You are not the fastest or only thing with wheels on the road. Try splitting your groups into two or three blocks so that other vehicles can get by safely and more importantly you are safe.

The ordinary cyclists commuting to work, shopping or out for the ride, are not the problem.

Pete Monks, by email.

Appalled by plans to demolish a much-loved building for even more student accommodation

PEOPLE of all ages are appalled at the latest plans submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council to demolish the 1936 art deco Regal Cinema building, currently housing Poundstretcher, in Church Street, Ormskirk near the Parish Church.

The level of resentment and anger to this is huge. It is unbelievable that this can even be considered, and what do the developers intend to replace this much-loved, (yes, it is much-loved) building with? Yes, another huge student block!

Student are fine and young people are good for the town, but there is a large student block being built in Church Street right near this Regal building! And there is already a large amount of student accommodation around the town, and also plans for a large block on the bus station site. Is this not enough?

It is all too encompassing in our little town, so much so that local people feel engulfed by it, disheartened, sidelined, and ignored. A sense of place, pride and belonging is being slowly eroded and lost.

To even consider thinking of destroying yet another of Ormskirk's grand buildings is wrong. They were built with skill and care by craftsmen of the past, to continue the destruction is doing their memory a great dishonour.

Shocking

It is our heritage, the people's town who have worked and lived here and have great affection for it. We want to retain what we have left for posterity, people do not want to see another building unnecessarily destroyed.

The plans to demolish 37 Church Street, site of the art deco Regal Cinema built in 1936 and currently housing Poundstretcher, are truly shocking. People are incensed by this and it must not be allowed to happen.

Objections to be in by Sunday, March 10 to West Lancashire Borough Council at plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk, planning ref: 2019/0089/FUL.

C.T., Ormskirk, by email.

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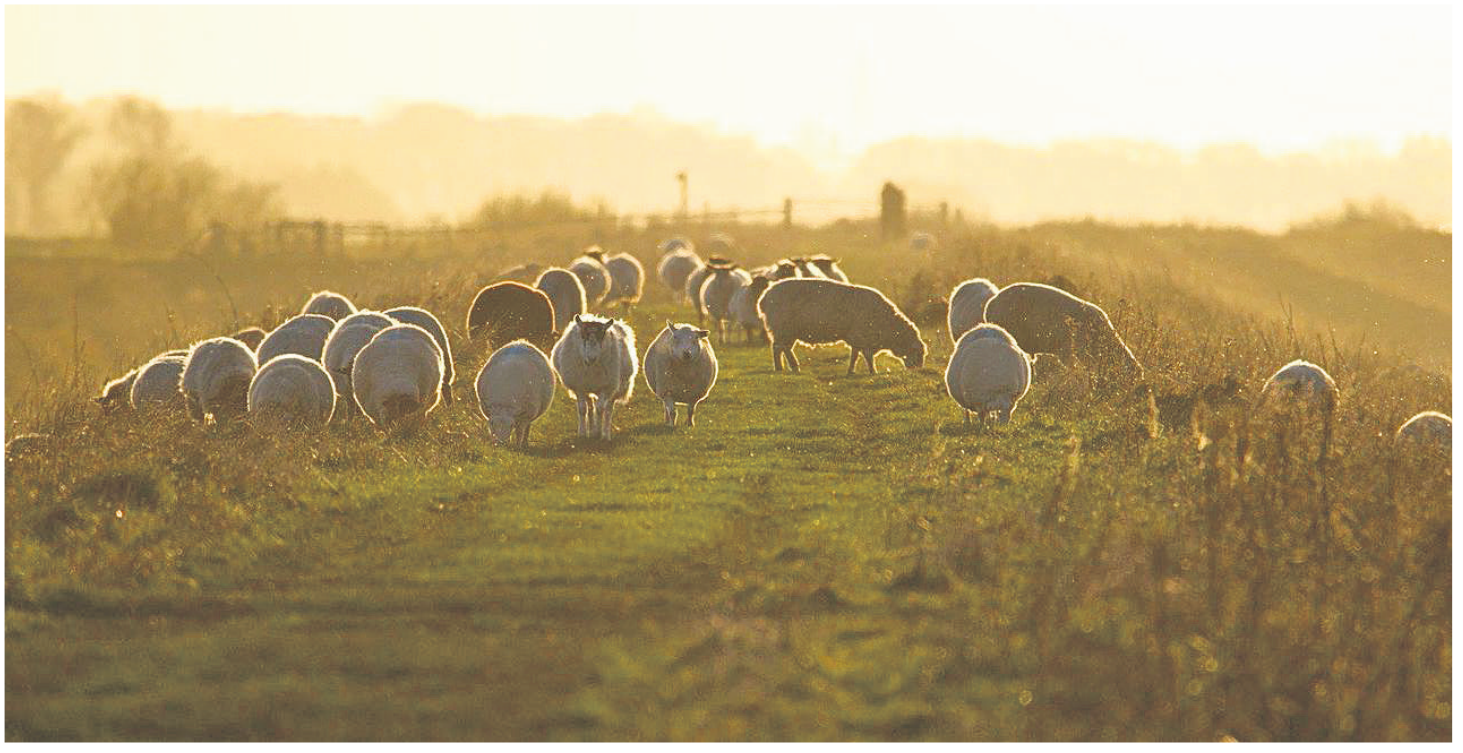

CHAMPION reader Richard Milligan sent this atmospheric shot of roaming sheep on Hesketh Out Marsh taken during the recent unseasonably dry spell of weather. To submit a photograph for consideration in our 'Picture of the Week' slot, simply email it to: editorial@champnews.com. Please ensure your picture has a caption, together with your name and the area you are from, and clearly marked 'Picture of the Week'.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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Champion's role in giving voice to concerns about Local Plan recognised

AT a recent meeting our group (West Lancs area committee, Lancashire Association of Local Councils) agreed the Champion newspaper had played an important part in giving voice to the many local residents, both individuals and community-based groups, who strongly opposed West Lancashire Borough Council's plans to destroy a considerable amount our pristine agriculturally productive farm land for what was always suspected to be unnecessary levels of housing development.

Through a number of specific articles, which always gave a balanced commentary on all parties perspective, and through the publishing of a wide range of letters articulating people's well-justified concerns and objections, the Champion facilitated a greater understanding of the issues in the wider community.

We are sure that this in turn encouraged many individuals to post representations during the consultation phase. Collectively these representations, along with pressure from community groups, parish councils, councillors from all parties and even our MP Rosie Cooper, persuaded the council to take a pause and reconsider their plans.

To be clear though, we are astute enough to realise this is only a temporary respite. Factions within the borough council, both politicians and officers, seem determined to push ahead with their unprecedented 30-year plan. We suspect that they will try to continue with reduced but still excessive housing development targets, in the assumption residents will be so grateful that they will roll over and accept any reduction as a victory, whilst the developers plough on with their building bonanza.

So concerned were the Campaign For the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) that, with support from parish councils they commissioned an expert study which proved the council's housing need figures were more than twice what was needed.

Furthermore, recent disclosures from neighbouring councils appear to refute the claim that WLBC was being forced to meet other councils' housing needs.

So thanks again for playing your role in disseminating important information and ideas - but don't put your notepads away just yet.

Dave, by email, details supplied.

My 'leave' vote was a vote *for* the younger generation

I FIND it quite puzzling that David Pryer, (Letters, February 27) seems to think that all leave voters don't have children and grandchildren.

By voting to leave that's exactly who I was thinking of, our younger generation, hopefully by the Government using the millions given to Europe every year to be spent on the NHS, our crumbling roads, rail network, etc instead.

Eric Ormesher, Burscough.

Council plaudits merited for money well-spent on jewel in old town's crown

OK, I might be bucking the trend of negativity towards Skem but here goes...

What an absolute delight it was during the recent unseasonal glorious weather, some of it coinciding wonderfully with half-term, to see Coronation Park, Skem rammed with children, parents and grandparents enjoying the recently-installed new play equipment.

Yes, you've read that right - Coronation Park, SKEM, not Coronation Park, ORMSKIRK!

Indeed, in my 33 years of living next to the park I've never seen so many people using the facilities.

Our local council take a battering in this letters page sometimes so let's be as quick to hand out the plaudits for money well-spent, Coronation Park - the jewel in Old Skem's crown.

Peter Etherington, Upppingham, Skelmersdale.

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Care trust awarded gold standard for work experience programme

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has become the first NHS organisation in the North West to be awarded gold standard accreditation for the quality of its work experience programme under the new partnership agreement with Health Education England.

The trust's employment services team have been recognised for their work in improving the quality of the programme by receiving the Fair Train Work Experience Quality (WEQs) Gold Standard accreditation.

The team are responsible for overseeing vocational learning including apprenticeships, work experience and employability programmes and recently introduced a new application process and guidance for managers, in order to make it easier for students to apply for placements.

Following on from this new placement areas have been introduced across Lancashire offering a wider variety of learning experiences to people from all different backgrounds.

As part of the accreditation process, the team were assessed against student resources and documentation, how the organisation links to schools and colleges and how they ensure students meet their learning outcomes.

Trust vocational learning co-ordinator, Natalie Bradley: "...massive achievement... recognises hard work".

Fair Train recognised the trust for many areas of strength including its Work Experience Passport, Work Experience Guidance and Work Placement Directory which were all described as examples of exemplary practice.

Natalie Bradley, vocational learning co-ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "To come in at gold in such a short space of time is a massive achievement for the team and the trust as a whole. It recognises all the hard work that went in to developing the resources, promoting opportunities for work experience and our dedication to providing good quality placements for students. The accreditation lasts for two years and we now have an official logo to illustrate this success."

Deborah Cox, deputy director of workforce and organisational development at the trust, commented: "We are committed to providing valuable work experience and development to our local community and to promote careers within Lancashire Care. The work experience programme will provide an insight into the wide variety of careers within the NHS and will hopefully help us to attract and secure the workforce of the future."

And Rod Natkiel, chief executive at Fair Train, added: "It's great to welcome Lancashire Care into 'the Fair Train family' and to be able to accredit it at gold, our top level. Workforce development is crucially important to any organisation and carefully thought-through and well-run vocational learning plays a key role in attracting the talent of the future.

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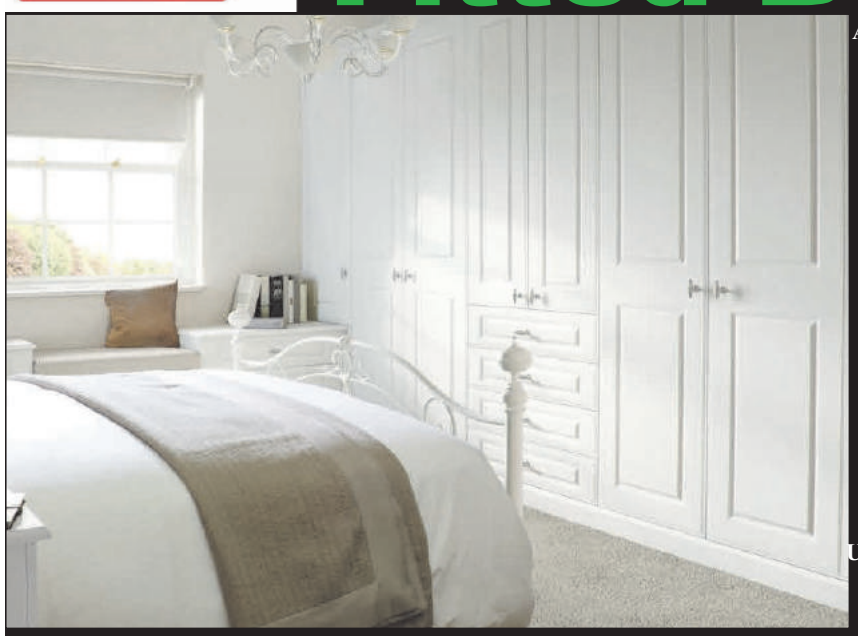

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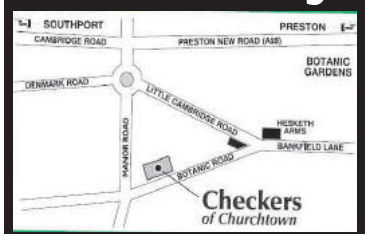

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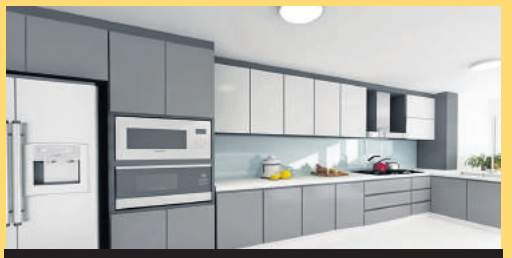

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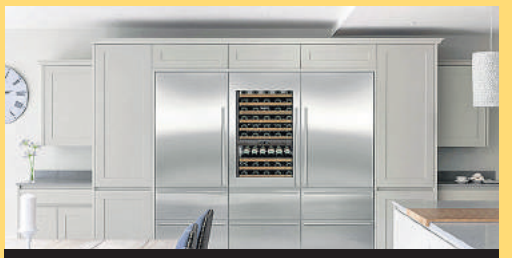

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- Are the premises secure (can strangers get in)?
- What training and experience do the carers have?
- How does the provider report safety incidents to parents?
- Do the carers know first aid?
- What is the staff 's view on discipline?
- What activities are on offer?
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With so many parents both working full time these days the issue of childcare is a major one.

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• Make appointments to visit two or three providers to compare what's on offer. This will allow you to look at the services available and chat to the staff.

• Always consider your child in your decision, even if they are far too young to make a choice themselves. Where do you think they would prefer?

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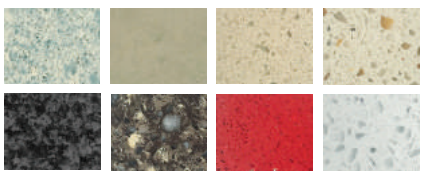

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It's not just the climate that's changing, it's our attitude to it

I'M tapping this out on the first day after the false spring that sprung last week has ended and we're back to cold and damp again - and do you know, I don't like it much.

I really enjoyed those few days of warm, sunny weather so I suppose I shouldn't complain, it was, after all, still winter and to be truthful, around here at least, we haven't seen much of that to date.

Mind you, it's a few years now since we had what I used to call winter. That started when the Leeds-Liverpool Canal froze over, as it used to do every year. And though I'm no fan of climate change for all kinds of reasons, I certainly can do without the bone-chilling winters we used to suffer.

A sign of getting old perhaps? Or maybe, simply being sensible. After all, no-one surely actually enjoys being cold?

When I was working in Colchester some years ago, I remember one winter when I actually slept in my office simply because I had an early start and the snow was so thick that I didn't fancy the long walk back in the morning. But in the morning I tottered off to the railway station and caught a train to London and from there to Bletchley Park of WW2 code-deciphering fame. At that time it was owned (or perhaps rented) by British Telecom as its Eastern Region training establishment with new apartments for visiting students - and me.

The hall itself (you must have seen it many times on TV) was turned over to admin, plus a dining room, bar and a snooker room. I've wondered for ages as to when and why BT off-loaded this wonderful place with its historic connections and who runs it now and for what?

Still, back to climate change. It's not only the climate that is changing, it's our reaction to it as well. In this month's issue of my *Buses* magazine there is a photo of a bus and several private motors apparently stuck in the snow somewhere. And on telly there have been pictures of schools closed because teachers (and I suppose pupils) couldn't get in because of the snow.

Yet in all of these images, I saw nothing to compare with what in the fairly recent past we considered winter and certainly from the scenes on TV and this apparently 'stuck' bus and cars in my magazine, I quite honestly find it hard to believe what we ordinary mortals used to be able to take in our stride.

And I'm not talking about my now far-off childhood (though I can't recall a single winter day when schools around here shut). I'm going back to perhaps the 1980s at the earliest.

We managed. It was expected that you got yourself into work (or school). And car drivers, without many of the most modern driving aids available today, struggled through amounts of snow that today seem totally to wreck our transport systems, both public and private.

When you saw images of stranded vehicles (and there were plenty of those too) they were stuck in a snowdrift, not just a snow-covered road.

I suppose I am setting myself up to be pilloried for suggesting putting folk in danger, but whereas you'd be daft to attempt to drive over, for instance, a snow-laden Snake Pass, equally it is absurd, I think, to say you cannot drive on a perfectly ordinary road which just happens to have a covering of snow on it.

OK, I am a reactionary old duffer. But reactionary or not, what is certainly true is that not only in my youth, but well into more mature years, you were expected to struggle with winter conditions, not give up as the first snowflakes fell.

Now whether or not you agree with this philosophy, it does show, right or wrong, that our attitude to weather conditions is changing. Whether the weather is better or worse, does, I suppose, depend on your individual reaction to it - and in the case of flooding, where you live too.

I'm afraid though, electric cars and buses or not, we're stuck with it.

Health and Wellbeing event for people affected by cancer

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A HEALTH and Wellbeing event aimed at anyone who has been affected by cancer, whether directly or through supporting someone, is being held in Southport next week.

Running from 2 to 4.30pm on Thursday, March 14 at The Royal Clifton Hotel on The Promenade, the session has been organised by Southport Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre in partnership with Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

The centre, a joint initiative set up by Macmillan and NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), says the event will features lots of information stalls for people to visit and access support from cancer nurse specialists, support groups and other key organisations.

Kate Wilson from Access Sefton will give a presentation at 3.15pm about talking therapies and emotional wellbeing and there will also be a mindful movement taster session; Boots mini pamper sessions; and hand massages by charity Sefton OPERA throughout the afternoon.

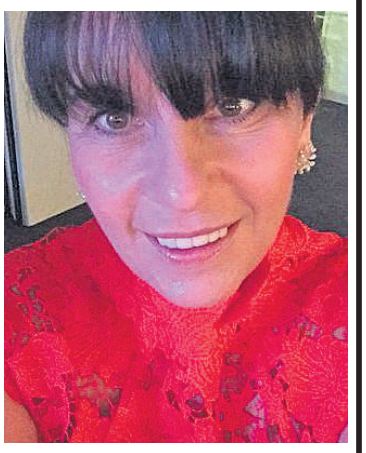
Dr Graeme Allan, Macmillan GP and NHS Southport and Formby CCG cancer clinical lead, said: "These events are ideal for people to come along and meet others who have had a similar experience.

"It is always useful to share and the hope is that there may be an activity or group out there that suits an individual's needs, so you might go away with an idea of what we can help you with. It's a friendly and informative event and everyone is very welcome."

And Elaine Deeming, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's lead cancer nurse, added: "We're delighted to continue to build on the success of previous health and wellbeing clinics.

"The events provide access to the wide range of services available locally in one venue, making it easier for our attendees."

The event is free of charge and refreshments are provided, but booking is essential by calling 01704 533024 or emailing sfccg.macmillancic@nhs.net.



Elaine Deeming, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's lead cancer nurse.

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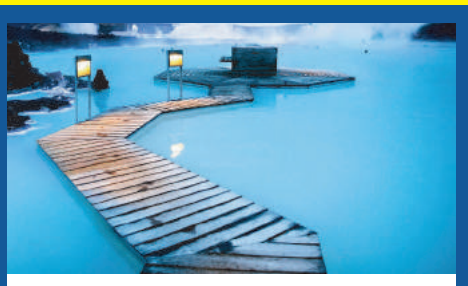

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Station open day being staged as part of drive to recruit retained firefighters

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service are looking for retained firefighters in West Lancs.

LANCASHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is again seeking to recruit retained firefighters from across West Lancs with applications open from Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 29.

Meanwhile the service is holding an open day at Tarleton fire station in Hesketh Lane on Saturday, March 9 to give would-be recruits a chance to have a look around and find out more about what the role entails.

Retained firefighters provide a back-up service to full-time staff and are paid a salary and receive compensation for call-outs and training.

Applicants, aged 18-plus, should have a good level of all-round fitness with no underlying health conditions. They should also live or work within five minutes of their nearest station (Tarleton, Ormskirk or Skelmersdale); have a good standard of eyesight (no colour blindness) and hearing (aided/unaided); and be literate and numerate.

They must also be available to provide evening and daytime cover, work well with others and have no criminal convictions.

The salary for retained officers is variable depending on hours of cover, but the basic monthly salary ranges from £240 to around £600. In addition, officers are paid an hourly rate of about £10 per hour for call-outs and training.

Retained support officer, Dave Whitley, said: "The recruitment open event will give full access to our fire station and officers will be on hand to provide on-call recruitment information, along with equipment demonstrations and even let individuals try fire kit and equipment. Our intention is to hopefully gain some new members by showing how rewarding it can be to represent the community they live and work in"

Also present at the open day will County Councillor Nikki Hennessy and senior fire service managers.

Councillor Hennessy, who has visited all the fire stations in the borough in her role as a member of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, said; "All firefighters do such a great job keeping our community safe. This is a good opportunity for the community to come along and see how the fire station works but primarily we want to recruit local retained fire fighters."

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Free drama workshops for secondary pupils

BUDDING thespians in the borough can benefit from free workshops in both acting and musical theatre, as part of an outreach initiative by Liverpool Theatre School.

The Aigburth stage school will deliver the sessions to secondary schools and sixth form colleges across the region to support and encourage talented young performers.

During the workshops, pupils will have an opportunity to learn some of the basic principles of acting or performing in musical theatre. They can also find out more about working in the industry and pick up useful tips from experts.

Maxine Ellis, principal at Liverpool Theatre School, said: "Our outreach programme is designed to give secondary school pupils and college students an insight into the performing arts industry as an attainable career choice, regardless of their financial circumstances.

"We offer a number of funded places including scholarships with The Stage and the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation."

Liverpool Theatre School recently became the first stage school in the country to axe its audition fees and is the only training organisation in Merseyside to offer the Trinity College London Diploma in both Professional Musical Theatre and Professional Acting. For further details email info@liverpooltheatreschool.co.uk or call 0151 728 7800.

College students get an insight into university life

STUDENTS at West Lancashire College have been given an insight into university life thanks to a county-wide initiative which aims to support progress in to higher education.

A group of 20 first and second-year students on the college's Public Services course enjoyed a presentation by Robin Duffy, an ambassador for the Future U programme.

Led by the University of Central Lancashire (UClan) Future U is a £2.2m scheme involving institutions and organisations across the county, including Lancaster University, Edge Hill University, the University of Cumbria, Blackburn College, Myerscough College and West Lancashire College.

A network of 53 schools, in addition to colleges, higher education providers and local agencies, work together to create activities tailored to the needs of their students

23-year-old Robin, who is studying an MSc in disaster management at UCLan, after achieving a degree in forensic science and criminal investigation, drew on his own experiences to give the West lancs College students an in-depth overview of all aspects of university life. These included applying for places, obtaining student finance, arranging accommodation, managing timetables, budgeting and exploring extra-curricular activities.

Robin Duffy provided an in-depth overview of all aspects of university life.

He said: "It's exciting to achieve your goal and being at university showed me that it's possible. I have had lots of experiences at university, including a field trip to Arizona to investigate a plane crash, playing for the university football team and spending my summers working as a camp leader at Camp America.

"I have done so much in such a short space of time and it's possible for anyone. That's why I aim to inspire future students."

Jessica Richmond, an outreach officer at Future U, said: "We find that college students can relate to university students as they find them inspiring. The talks show students that 'someone like me' can go to university and demonstrate that there is so much more to university than just studying.

"We want to allow pupils to explore their strengths, interests and ambitions to realise what possibilities there are for young people wanting to go on into further education.

"There are opportunities out there that need to be grabbed and Future U can highlight those possibilities."

And Mike Cooney, Public Services course team leader at West Lancashire College, added: "Guest speakers contribute to student enrichment and gives them inspiration for future career opportunities, to see real life situations of comparable learners who have been successful."

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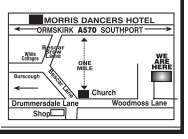

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Four-figure donation will make a 'huge difference' to local charity

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs-based charity are celebrating after receiving a four-figure donation which they say will make a "huge difference" for them.

Sporting Challenge, which provides activities for young people and adults with learning disabilities, was awarded £3,000 by the London-based Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund.

The Leathersellers' Company was founded in the 15th century to originally regulate the sale of leather in the capital but now focuses on supporting charities, education and the British leather trade.

It provides a wide range of funding to UK-registered charities, educational institutions and university students.

Sporting Challenge activities organiser, Edward McCarthy, said: "On behalf of Sporting Challenge I wish to thank the Leathersellers' fund for this most generous grant. It will make a huge difference."

Members and guests at the Rotary Club Of Maghull and Aughton's presentation evening.

Rotary Club says 'thanks'

THE Rotary Club of Maghull and Aughton hosted their annual presentation evening in Maghull Town Hall providing an opportunity to thank local community and charity group leaders for their support with the club's annual Christmas Float collection.

During the evening, Maghull's Town Mayor, Councillor Clare Carragher, also presented cheques to the respective charities and groups, while the event also showcased some of the club's other achievements including support of local hospices, the Wheelchair Foundation, Mary's Wheels and the Evolve drug abuse charity.

Ian Agnew, the community service chairman with the Rotary Club of Maghull and Aughton, said: "The club's motto, 'Serving the Community' is proudly displayed on the Christmas Float and our involvement with so many community groups and ambitious projects on presentation night clearly demonstrated that the club is well and truly doing just that."

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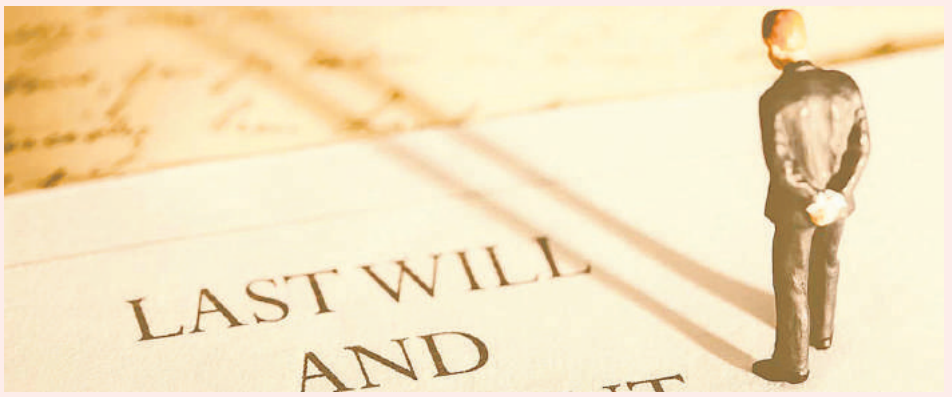

Making a Will

Writing a will is one of the most important things you will ever do. After all, we spend the majority of our lives working to provide for ourselves and our loved ones. You may have property, shares, savings or investments as well as your personal possessions. All of these form your 'estate' and making a will ensures that when you die, this is shared according to your wishes.

So what will a solicitor need to know? Firstly you will need to make a list of all your assets that are to be included in the will. This should include property as well as vehicles you own, any savings or investments. You must then decide who will get what after you die. This is also the opportunity to add any particular wishes you have for your funeral.

You must then decide who will carry out your wishes after your death. The individual or people you appoint to be executors of your will, should ideally be familiar with financial matters. They could be friends or family members, or a professional such as your solicitor. Using a solicitor will incur fees but they will be familiar with the law and will therefore be able to provide sound advice and draw up your will as it should be.

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The Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers ladies team at the last weekend's cross country event at Birchwood Forest Park, Warrington.

Skem Harriers' ladies end season in fine style

THE 49th running of the Parbold Hill Race saw a good turn-out of Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers and some significant wins for the club's women in the form of individual and team first places.

Becky Wadeson won the female 35 to 40 age category, Honor Thompson triumphed in the 40 to 45 age category, and was also the fifth woman home, while the 60 to 65 category was won by by Carol Quirk.

The club also scooped the women's team prize win thanks to the fine efforts of the three 'counters', Honor Thompson, Becky Wadeson and Jess Crook.

The 11km Parbold Hill Race is the pre-eminent regional hill race in the winter running calendar with its 600 places filled within a matter of days after entries open in early November.

The race is organised by Skelmersdale Boundary Harriers who will now be gearing up to celebrate the 50th running of the race next year.

The harriers have a long and proud history but in the past year two of its older members, Dave Goulding and Derek Dalton, sadly passed away.

This was marked at the race by the team wearing black armbands and a short speech was read before the start.

Meanwhile the good form shown by the Skelmersdale women was carried forward to the final race of the NW Sunday Cross Country League where, along with their sister club, the Parbold Pink Panthers, they won the final round and secured second place in the league and a valued piece of silverware.

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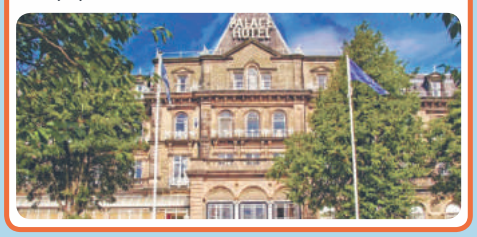

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CEO Betty Drummond said: "The launch of the Champion and it's early history is a well-documented story of David and Goliath. The closure and loss of jobs at the Globe was the inspiration behind the Champion."

A handful of staff, with little more than will-power were determined to continue to produce a first class independent newspaper. After the Globe closed it's doors, and against all the odds, the team set about launching the Champion and within four days the first edition hit the streets. From a standing start with no resources, no money and no premises, the staff rallied. The editorial team hit the streets to gather news and prepared their stories on a borrowed Macintosh Classic. The sales staff worked from two bedrooms in the Scarisbrick Hotel, Southport.

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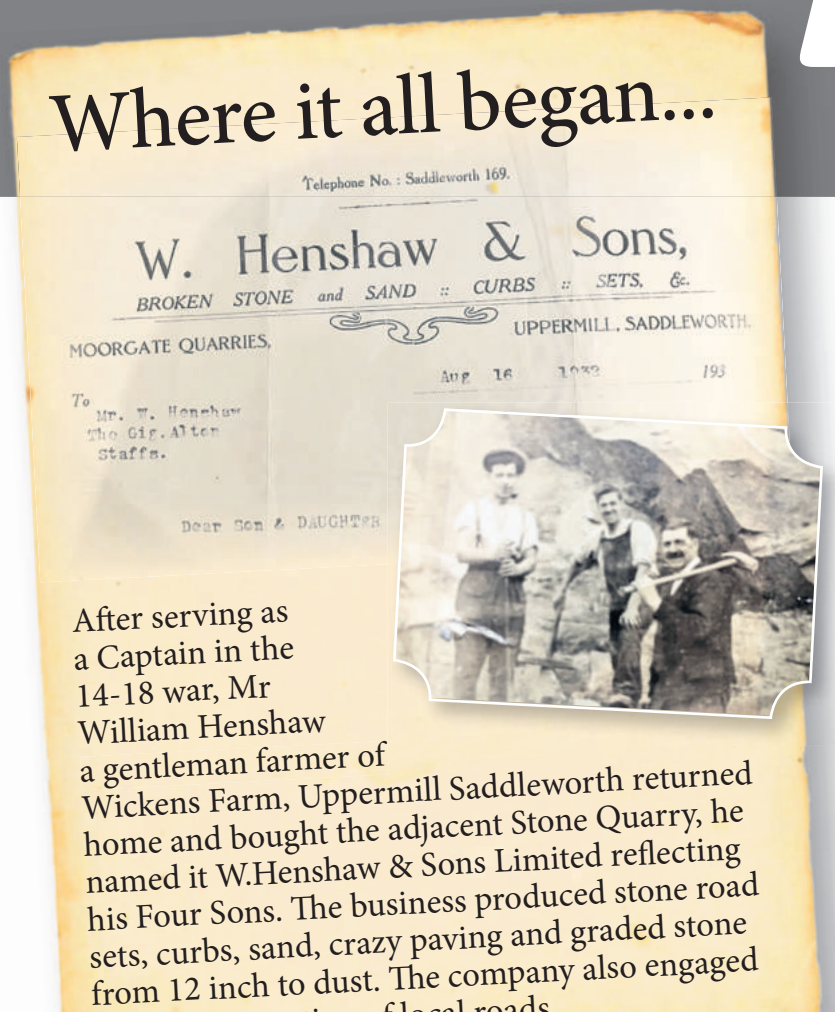
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TODAY...

In 1932 two of his sons Norman and Wilfred joined the company and the other two sons Gilbert and Albert who were talented landscapers opened a nursery and landscaping business in the upmarket town of Wilmslow and successfully traded from here for the next 50 years.

In 1933 William Henshaw sadly passed away and his Son Norman became the Managing Director of W Henshaw and Sons Limited. During the blitz the company was busy as the industry was deemed to be an essential part of the war effort, supplying aggregate and replacing roads and air strips damaged by nightly bombings from the Luftwaffe also supplying ballast to the US supply ships for their return trip home.

In 1957 William's Grandson Norman (JNR) joined the family business and expanded the landscaping side, opening site offices in Oldham, Manchester and Blackpool.

In 1972 Norman (JNR) moved to Southport and traded from Southport and Blackpool. His Father Norman (SNR) retired and the Quarry was sold.

Norman (JNR) continued expanding the business to include property development and demolition and demolished landmarks all over the Northwest including Morecombe Pier.

In 1983 Norman's sons Max and Guy entered the family business following in their Fathers, Grandfathers and Great Grandfathers foot steps. Their Father Norman recently retired from the business at the grand age of 84 and his eldest son Max has taken the reins continuing to expand the business joined by his two sons Max (JNR) and Robert Guy Henshaw.

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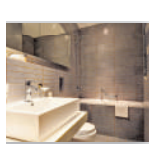

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TODAY...

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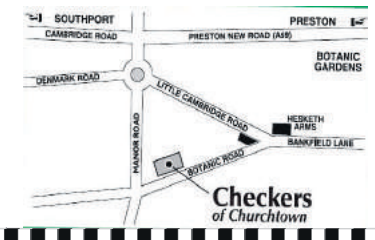

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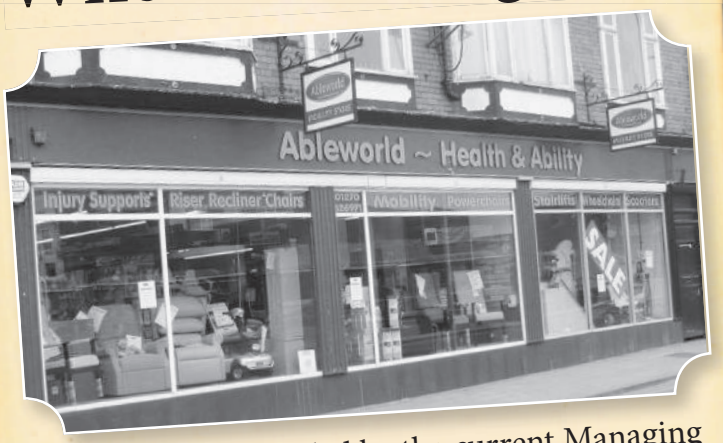

Ableworld was founded by the current Managing Director, Mike Williams in 2000. The idea for the business sparked from the poor experience Mike had when trying to purchase products for his father to help maintain his independent quality of living.

He was shocked at how vulnerable people were often targeted by sales staff and put under pressure to purchase products with no advice and poor after sales service. Many products were sold at inflated prices and operators subcontracted stairlift leads out to third party companies in return for large commissions which were built into an inflated price.

TODAY...

Mike had significant experience in the retail sector, being one of the founder members of Focus DIY after learning his trade alongside David Quayle of what was then Block and Quayle, now B&Q. The strategy for the new Ableworld business was very clear in Mike's mind since it had to provide competitively priced living aids alongside open and honest advice for people to help them continue an independent quality of life. Mike was also keen from the very start that his new business should provide high levels of after sales service and so also established his own in-house engineering department who would install all stairlifts and provide ongoing 24/7 support with direct access to local trained engineers.

Ableworld opened its first store in Nantwich and there are now 34 stores in total across the UK with expansion plans well advanced to open further stores. In the North West, customers and local Health Professionals now have direct access to an in-house Occupational Therapist to help support the search for bespoke solutions. Ableworld have also just opened a new dedicated engineering department in the North West to provide the necessary infrastructure to service their increasing customer base in preparation for their new shops.

The company has maintained it's personal services despite its size by employing local staff and ensuring they all pass a rigorous training program. The scale of the operation now means that customers benefit from very competitive prices due to the purchasing power of the Ableworld Group and Ableworld are now well and truly at the forefront of the sector as the UK's leading mobility retailer plus, their extensive in-house engineering department is now the UK's largest independent installer of stairlifts.

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Here's a few pointers for you to consider when buying a stair lift: -

Shop Around

Most mobility retailers (and charities) will simply pass on your stairlift enquiry to another company and in return they will receive hundreds of pounds in commission. This commission is naturally built into the final price that you pay.

Aftersales Service & Costs

You need to ensure that you have total piece of mind with a good warranty from trained engineers. Check that there are no high servicing costs linked back to the warranty and who do you phone if something goes wrong ? …. are they local ?

Beware High Pressure Sales

Many firms employ high pressure sales teams who are paid commission. Don't invite them into your home unless you have somebody with you who can take notes and help you to encourage them to leave when you have heard enough! Better still, don't invite a sales person to your home until you have had chance to examine their brochures. Also, keep your home telephone number private so they can't pester you.

Try before you buy

You wouldn't buy any other household item of equipment without testing it first. This is particularly important when it comes to the seat on the stairlift since, just like people, seats come in many shapes and sizes and you need to feel safe on your stairlift.

Future Proof

By this, I mean plan ahead and think about what level of mobility you will have in another 5/10 years. For example, if you suffer from arthritis of the hand/wrist, you may struggle to turn the stairlift at the top of the stairs, so you may need to consider a motorised chair instead. Buy the stairlift now which is going to help you for the next ten years and not just the cheapest.

Shaun Crosby, Ableworld Stairlift Engineer.

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Archery club offers free 'taster' session

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs-based club are offering beginners the chance to 'arrow' in on a sporting hobby with a difference.

Burscough Archers will be hosting another of their free have-a-go sessions at Asmall House Livery Stables, Asmall Lane, Ormskirk, on Saturday, March 16.

And there's no need to worry about the prevailing weather conditions on the day as the event, which will run from 1 to 4pm, is being held indoors.

No prior experience is needed to take part in this fun event and there's no age limit.

A spokesperson for the group, which has members from throughout West Lancashire - including Burscough, Ormskirk, Aughton, Skelmersdale and Tarleton - as well as Southport and Maghull, said: "If you can hold a bow you can have a go!"

And an experienced team of coaches will be on hand to take beginners through the basics.

This latest session follows on from a similar event last year which saw more than 100 participants. Since then the archers have expanded their coaching team with two new coaches whose training programme was fully sponsored by builders Taylor Wimpey with a grant from their local community fund.

One member, whose first taste of the sport came at last year's have-a-go event, said: "I was impressed by the standard of tuition and the friendly and welcoming nature of the club's coaches and members, which helped me to feel at ease and enjoy the experience.

"Now I enjoy both the personal and technical challenges of trying to improve my shooting ability, it gives me a real buzz!"

Further details are available on the Burscough Archers website at http://burscougharchers.org.uk.

Burscough Archers hope their latest free ' taster' session will attract new recruits to the sport.

Snappers urged to submit their images for wild bird calendar

KEEN photographers are invited to submit images for a chance to be included in a national wild bird calendar.

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WEDNESDAY

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"With the rise of trendy fad diets, people are often seduced by the promise of fast weight losses and take quick-fix routes to lose weight. However, these methods of weight loss aren't sustainable – after all, who wants to feel hungry all the time or give up their favourite foods indefinitely? Especially when that often means that within weeks resolutions are a distant memory.

"This year Slimming World is celebrating it's 50th anniversary and since it was founded in 1969 it's helped millions of people to reach their dream weight. There's no magic pill when it comes to weight loss and the best weight-loss plan is the one you can stick to. Our members lose weight by making small changes to the way they shop, cook and eat and filling up on Free Food – foods that are low in calories but satisfying like pasta, lean meat, fruit, veg, potatoes and more – so they don't have to go hungry or give up their favourite meals, as well as gradually becoming more active and getting bucketloads of support along the way. They develop healthy habits that they can keep up for life, so they can not only reach their target weight but stay there forever." says Senior Consultant Tina Whewell, who has ran groups in Ormskirk for ovwer 25 years.

Pictured with Tina are left to right Sue Allt,Sarah Rice,Paula Skaycz,l Kathy Burslem and Sarah Salka

Please checkout the the advertisement for details of all local groups.

County council labelled 'rotten borough' by satirical magazine

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council's controversial decision to double bus fares for disabled passengers from 50p to £1 saving £38,000, while spending the same amount on new iPhones for councillors, has earned the authority a 'Rotten Borough' award from satirical magazine, *Private Eye*.

The publication recently 'awarded' the Conservative-controlled council its Priorities in Order Award.

The 84 members of the county council were offered one of the following four options last August.

1. To keep their current handset.

2. To have an iPhone 7 (costing more than more than £400).

3. To have a basic phone at a cost of £30.

4. To use their own phone and have Airwatch access to county council emails and intranet.

At the same meeting the cost of concessionary travel for disabled NoW card users was doubled for journeys before 9.30am from 50p to £1 per journey.

Following the *Private Eye* 'award', County Councillor John Fillis, deputy leader of the county's Labour group who opposed both decisions, said: "It's sad but not surprising, that in just two years Lancashire County Council has hit a new low. Putting greed before need has become a mantra for this Conservative administration. The award is clearly in keeping with their actions making them a national disgrace."

The Skelmerdale East councillor added: "Is there any sign of empathy or understanding? No. One of the Conservative cabinet members at the time said that the disabled people would appreciate that they would only need to carry a £1 coin rather than a lot of change!"

County council leader Councillor Geoff Driver has been contacted for comment.

New baby-changing facility at Concourse

THE Concourse Centre in Skelmersdale has opened a new baby-changing facility on the first floor, in response to customer demand.

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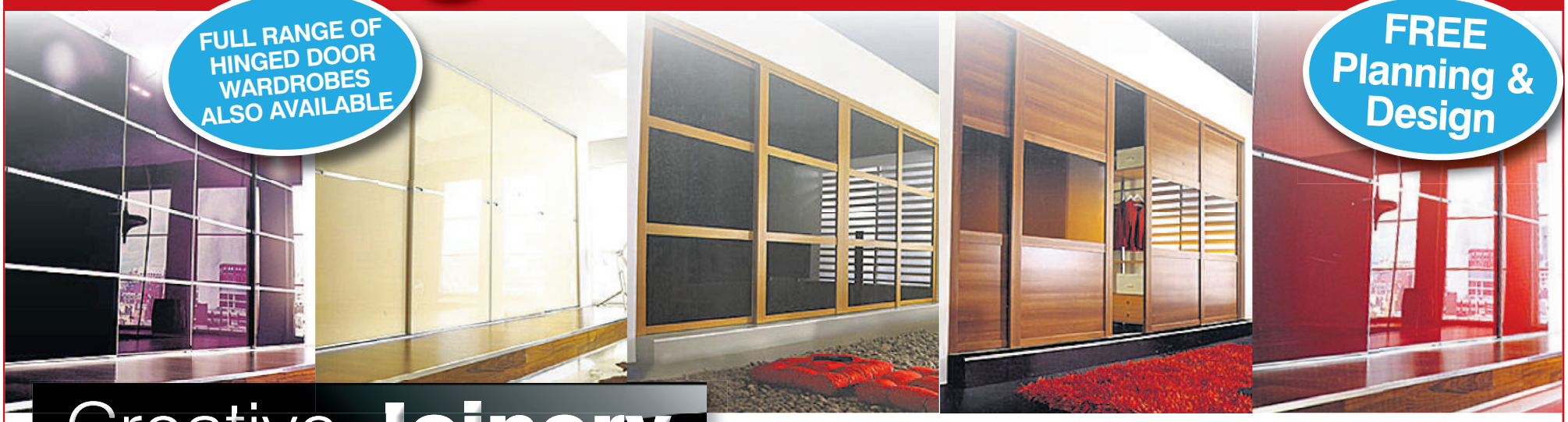

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Archbishop of York to visit area for *Tell, Serve, Give* series of religious activities

Report by **Henry James**

THE Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, is to visit the Diocese of Liverpool this week and will attend events in West Lancashire and Sefton.

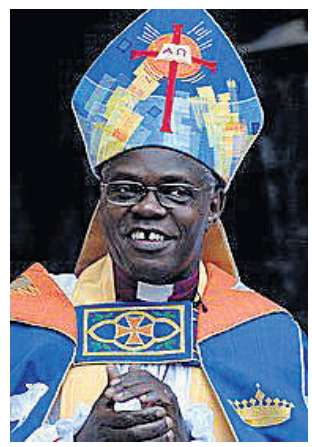
He will be accompanied by bishops from across the north for a series of activities entitled *Tell, Serve, Give* and running from Thursday to Sunday, March 7 to 10.

Organised by the Church of England, it will feature events across the Diocese of Liverpool.

Particular highlights of the archbishop's programme in West Lancs and Sefton include:

- A visit to King George Sixth Form College in Southport.
- Taking part in a mass clean-up of Formby beach with the National Trust on Saturday, March 9.
- Attending civic breakfasts at Ormskirk Parish Church on Thursday, March 7 and at the Western Approaches on Friday, March 8.

Other highlighted events from the bishops' attending the *Tell, Serve, Give* mission weekend of events include a visit to Newburgh, near Parold, on Friday, March 8 to support the work of Apple Cast NW which helps young people get out in the countryside; a Greatest Showman sing-a-long party at Christ Church Southport on Saturday, March 9; a healing service on Lord Street, Southport on Saturday, March 9; and an auction sale at St Philip, Paul and Wesley, Southport on Saturday, March 9.



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.

The archbishop will launch the activities with a special one-hour commissioning service at Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday, March 7 at 2pm.

Details of events can be found online at www.achurchnearyou.com by searching TellServeGive19.

Diverse

Archbishop Sentamu said: "It is wonderful that the churches across the Diocese of Liverpool have committed to *Tell, Serve, Give.*

"This will be a great weekend. I am looking forward to meeting many people across the Diocese and hope to see you at one of these fantastic events."

And Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, added: "I am delighted to welcome Archbishop Sentamu and my colleagues for this weekend of diverse activities around the Diocese of Liverpool.

"But I am more excited at the prospect of meeting a whole host of new people who I hope will join in with what's going on in their local church or worshipping community."

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WWT

Martin Mere news

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Volunteers are at the heart of the WWT charity - without our volunteers we couldn't do what we do. Across the charity at 9 different centres, we have around 1,000 volunteers in a wide range of roles. From helping to keep our grounds and Here at Martin Mere Wetland Centre, we're looking for volunteers to join our family so we're holding a Volunteering Week from 18th-24th March for you to come and chat to us to find out more about the variety of roles available here.

We've got lots of opportunities for our Visitor Services Team, Grounds Team and Education Team and days and times are very flexible.

To volunteer with us, you don't need any expert knowledge, just a keen interest in people and wildlife, a flexible approach and a 'can-do' attitude. In return for donating your time to us, you get free entry to all 9 WWT Wetland Centres, 25% discount in our café and shop, free social events throughout the year and free training.

Volunteering is also a brilliant opportunity to meet new people, share your skills with others and develop new skills - all whilst working in our beautiful wetlands. Di, one of our Visitor Services Volunteers, has been volunteering with Martin Mere for over 3 years. She said "It all started over lunch for me. I've been a member for a long time and one day I brought my friend for lunch. We spotted a sign for volunteering and 3 days later we were having our induction!

It's a happy place to be a volunteer. I really enjoy meeting the public, talking to them and hearing their stories. It's also been great to learn about the different species at the centre, and the social side of volunteering has also been brilliant. It's a super place and I'd shout it from the rooftops - volunteering at Martin Mere is amazing!"

Our staff will be available 2-4pm every day from 18th-24th March. If you'd like to book a specific time to talk to one of us, please email info.martinmere@wwt.org.uk. For more information about volunteering, please visit our website: wwt.org.uk/martin-mere

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Top choreographers put dance students through their paces!

DANCE students at Edge Hill enjoyed intensive workshops with three leading female choreographers from the world of dance and musical theatre.

Covering a breadth of styles and influences, multi-disciplinary artist Kerry Nicholls, artistic director of Creation Box London, Rachel Kay, and former Ballet dancer, Sally Marie who now runs Sweetshop Revolution, led the sessions with first, second and third-year students.

Over the course of a week Rachel used her teaching method 'Flight Mode' which encourages students to improvise movement through posed questions, conversation and vocalised movements.

A keen advocate of dance therapy after her father suffered a stroke, Rachel said: "The main attributes I hope to contribute or install within the environment I create is respect, honesty and drive. Through these three core values, I can hopefully create a space for each individual student to grow, develop, learn and ultimately gain respect for others and most importantly themselves. In turn, I hope they can carry these lessons into further education and life."

Energetic

Working with the university's Edge FWD and 3rd Edge Dance companies, Rachel helped the students create Soundwave, an energetic piece responding to layers of sound.

She added: "All the students brought their raw and untapped energy into the room. I also experienced a very mature approach to my work. I thought the students were truly inspiring.

"The Edge Hill campus is beautiful, and I'd like to return to continue my research and development in the field I'm currently working in."

Sally Marie, who was commissioned by the university to create two contemplative female-led dances, Cherry Pops and Frozen in 2016, worked with the students on a drama-based work about death.

Featuring students each making solo responses to death as they arrive at heaven's check-in desk, the piece explored the dark elements of death with humour.

Edge Hill dance lecturer, Debbie Norris, said: "We're really privileged to have three of the country's leading female choreographers visit us.

"By bringing Kerry, Rachel and Sally to the university, the students can experience their varied talents and extensive industry knowledge. They do this not only by gaining new ideas and creative direction but by also gaining an understanding of how the industry works and the particular challenges faced by women."

Hospital diversions alert

DIVERSIONS have been put in place to ensure visitors to Southport Hospital are unaffected by the temporary closure of part of Town Lane this month.

A small stretch of Town Lane will be closed to traffic between Scarisbrick New Road and Folkestone Road between 6.30pm and 1am from Monday (March 4) until Friday, March 15 for essential resurfacing works.

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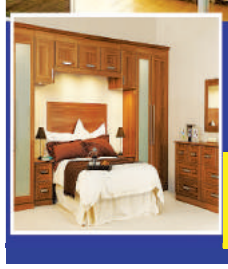

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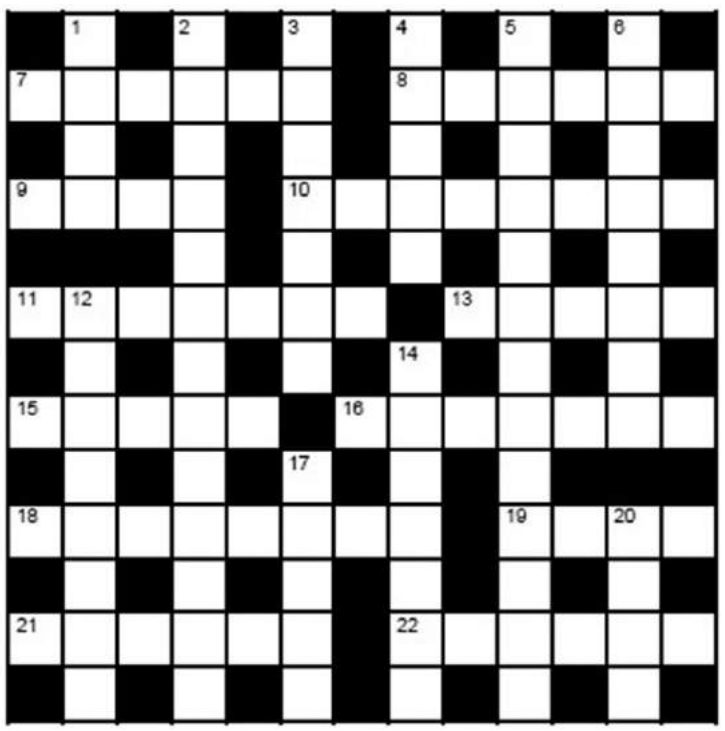

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Across: 7. Course. 8. Panama. 9. Crew. 10. Optician. 11. Hygiene. 13. Ocean. 15. Latte. 17. Shoebox. 20. Increase. 21. With. 22. Unison. 23. Ordain.

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13. Make law; put into practice (5)
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18. A coffee-flavoured liqueur based on rum originating in the Caribbean (3,5)
19. British nobleman ranking above a viscount and below a marquess (4)
21. Spoiled, destroyed (6)
22. Of or connected with the eyes or vision (6)

DOWN

1. Ballpoint pen named after its Hungarian inventor (4)
2. A gradual increase in the overall temperature of the earth's atmosphere (6, 7)
3. Absence or lack of moisture or liquid (7)
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5. Occurring or done immediately (13)
6. Sharply outlined; neat and well groomed (5-3)
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Each young visitor taking part in the scheme will receive a Library Explorers booklet featuring various fictional character stickers including the Lancashire Reading Dragon and the Dream Fairies.

Children will receive a different sticker from the 13 characters available each time they visit. Explorers who collect 10 stickers will also get a certificate to recognise their achievement.

The county council is keen to stress that libraries offer a range of activities for young children, as well as books, including Bounce and Rhyme and storytelling sessions. Free wi-fi is available giving parents access to a wealth of information and the opportunity to play online games and stream music and hundreds of children's e-books and audio books are available to download for free.

Currently more than 14,700 under-five-years-olds are Lancashire library members and have their own library card. Children can get a library card from birth.

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With their own library card, children can get free access to beginner and early reader books, and books with read-along CDs; fun and educational pre-school books; family movie classics and new releases; storytime, rhymes and music CDs; and children's digital content and online resources.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "It's important to give children the chance to experience the joy of reading from an early age, and our Library Explorers scheme encourages this. Our fantastic free service can help them discover a lasting love of books that will remain throughout their lives.

"And as well as books, most libraries now offer free storytelling or music sessions, where parents and carers can bring their pre-school children and meet with friends and get involved."

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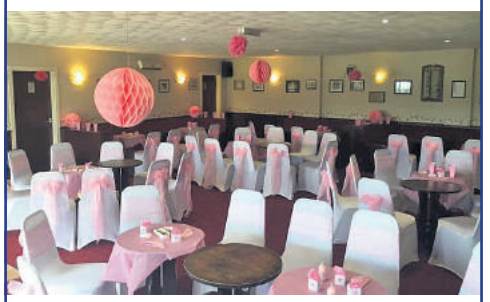

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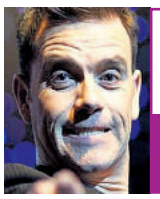

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Classic Christie play welcomed at theatre in resort

THE classic Agatha Christie whodunit, The Mousetrap could be seen for three days at the Southport Theatre last week *writes Henry James*.

It opened in London in 1952 and has been running ever since and has now been performed in the West End more than 27,000 times.

As ever with Agatha Christie's stories, there was a great mix of characters, and they included: Mollie Ralston (Harriett Hare) and her husband Giles (Nick Biadon), who own the guest house, Monkswell Manor, where the action was based.

They were joined by other people, such as: Mrs Boyle (Gwyneth Strong), Christopher Wren (Lewis Chandler) and Mr Paravicini (David Alcock). Strong played an objectionable woman who was far removed from her character in Only Fools and Horses – Cassandra.

The tension started to increase as the guests arrived and there was a real sense of impending doom.

When watching a Christie play, you must expect the unexpected and realise that the characters are usually trying to hide something. This was true also in the Mousetrap.

The touring set was impressive and no expense was spared in this production. You really felt like you were in the guest house with the characters.

The police soon arrived and Sgt Trotter (Geoff Arnold) attempted to untangle what had happened.

The action moved along quickly, and there were a few twists along the way, before the climax. 9/10

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The show will be in the city from Monday, March 11 until Saturday, March 16.

Fame is being presented by Selladoor Worldwide, producers of Footloose, Avenue Q, Little Shop of Horrors and Flashdance - The Musical, with Adam Paulden & Dan Looney.

The cast includes Keith Jack as Nick Piazza:Mica Paris as Miss Sherman and Jorgie Porter as Iris Kelly.

They will be joined by Hayley Johnston/Mabel, Stephanie Rojas/Carmen, Molly McGuire/Serena, Jamal Crawford/Tyrone, Albey Brooks/Joe, Louisa Beadel/Lambchops, Simon Anthony/Schlomo, Alexander Zane/Goody, Katie Warsop/Miss Bell & resident choreographer, Dermot Canavan/Mr Scheinkopf,Cameron Johnson/Mr Myers with ensemble members Rebecca French, Daisy Twells, Tom Mussell, Morgan Jackson, Ryan Kayode and swings Tabitha Camburn and Ike Fallon.

Fame the Musical will be directed and choreographed by Nick Winston with design by Morgan Large.

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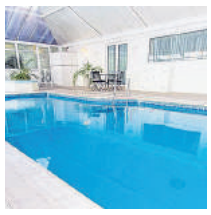

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick at the level crossing for approximately 20 metres travelling in either direction.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Sunday 10th March 2019 until 0700 hours on Monday 11th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.

A diversion route is not available in this location

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow renewal of level crossing barrier works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16519/KF]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BACK LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Back Lane, Bickerstaffe from Simmonswood Lane to Hursts Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on 11th March 2019 until 1700 hours on 22nd March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Simmonswood Lane – Hursts Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway duct works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16681/EW]

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(JUNCTION LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Junction Lane, Burscough from Liverpool Road North, Burscough to Briars Lane, Burscough.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Thursday 21st March 2019 until 1700 hours on Thursday 21st March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. School buses will be accommodated.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Liverpool Road South – Square Lane

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Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16820/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STANLEY STREET AND KNOWSLEY ROAD, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Stanley Street and Knowsley Road, Ormskirk from the junction with Wigan Road to the junction with Wigan Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 26th March 2019 until 1700 hours on Thursday 28th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. In addition to road closures, Stop/Go traffic management on Wigan Road and Moor Street will be in operation for 50m either side of Stanley Street. Buses will not be able to access Stanley Street or Knowsley Street for the duration of the works. The diversion route will allow all services to continue to access the main bus station.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Stanley Street: Derby Street – Greetby Hill – Tower Hill – Wigan Road – Moor Street – St Helens Road – Park Road – Church Street – Derby Street West – Derby Street
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LIVERPOOL ROAD NORTH, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Liverpool Road North, Burscough from 40 metres north of Fletchers Drive to 60 metres south of Red Cat Lane in the West Lancashire Borough.
2. The prohibition will be operative nightly from 2000 hours until 0600 hours on Sunday 24th March 2019 until Wednesday 27th March 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Works will take place overnight.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Moss Lane – Causeway Lane – Liverpool Road – Diamond Jubilee Lane – Station Road – Meadow Lane – Rufford Road – Hall Road – Chorley Road – Lancaster Lane – Alder Lane – Ash Brow – Course Lane – Lowry Hill Lane – Briars Lane – Square Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow resurfacing of the carriageway works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/16825/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0139/FUL Single storey rear extension to a semi detached dwelling at 12 Ashfield Terrace, Appley Bridge.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0152/FUL Change of use of existing building from a residential care home to a single family dwelling. To include part demolition of the existing buildings - rear conservatory, access ramps, pitched roofs and external stair. Proposed extensions including side extension, rear extension, infill extension and new-build garage. Introduction of new windows into existing building. Proposals include Ground and First Floor external patio areas and external works. Proposal also includes new fencing and automatic gates to front boundary at Aughton Grange EMI Care Home, 26 Granville Park, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0153/FUL Change of use stables to cattery and change of use of agricultural building to livery stables at 59 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
The personal data you provide will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties in processing planning and related applications. Some of the personal information, including your name and address, you provide will be published. For further information about this notice or how we use your personal data please see: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-privacy-notices/level-2-development-management-cil-privacy-notice.aspx and http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/legal-statements-and-foi/privacy-and-data-protection-gdpr.aspx. Hard copies are available on request.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 6th March 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1035

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PRF Engineering LTD trading as PRF Engineering LTD of 10 Gimrod Place, Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9UU is applying for a licence to use 10 Gimrod Place, Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 9UU as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicle.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Traction Transport Ltd of 218 Inskip, Birchgreen Skelmersdale, West Lancs, WN8 6JX is applying for a licence to use Skelmersdale Truck Stop 11 Paddock Road, Skelmersdale WN8 9PL as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office

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For dwelling within each property band and situated in those parts of the Councils area to which no special item relates as detailed below:

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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For dwellings within each property band and situated in those parts of the Councils area to which a special item relates as detailed below:

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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BURSCOUGH	1238.49	1444.91	1651.33	1857.74	2270.57	2683.40	3096.23	3715.48
DALTON	1227.04	1431.54	1636.06	1840.56	2249.58	2658.58	3067.60	3681.12
DOWNHOLLAND	1240.16	1446.85	1653.55	1860.24	2273.63	2687.01	3100.40	3720.48
GREAT ALTCAR	1223.31	1427.19	1631.08	1834.96	2242.73	2650.49	3058.27	3669.92
HALSALL	1228.26	1432.97	1637.68	1842.39	2251.81	2661.23	3070.65	3684.78
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LATHOM SOUTH	1235.42	1441.32	1647.23	1853.13	2264.94	2676.74	3088.55	3706.26
NEWBURGH	1233.95	1439.61	1645.27	1850.93	2262.25	2673.56	3084.88	3701.86
NORTH MEOLS	1237.21	1443.41	1649.62	1855.82	2268.23	2680.63	3093.03	3711.64
PARBOLD	1236.54	1442.63	1648.72	1854.81	2266.99	2679.17	3091.35	3709.62
RUFFORD	1240.67	1447.44	1654.23	1861.00	2274.56	2688.11	3101.67	3722.00
SCARISBRICK	1224.35	1428.40	1632.47	1836.52	2244.64	2652.75	3060.87	3673.04
SIMONSWOOD	1227.59	1432.19	1636.79	1841.39	2250.59	2659.78	3068.98	3682.78
TARLETON	1234.89	1440.71	1646.53	1852.34	2263.97	2675.60	3087.23	3704.68
UP HOLLAND	1228.39	1433.12	1637.86	1842.59	2252.06	2661.52	3070.98	3685.18
WRIGHTINGTON	1224.55	1428.63	1632.73	1836.82	2245.01	2653.18	3061.37	3673.64

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1st March 2019

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DEATHS

O'NEILL JASON
10th February 2019
Peacefully at home after a period of illness
Aged 48 years
Much loved Son of Richard and Gail and a loving Brother. Jason will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th March 2019 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for MIND.

Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

DEATHS

EVANS LYNDA
19th February 2019
Aged 57 years
Died at Queenscourt Hospice after a short illness surrounded by her family. Devoted Daughter of Anne and the late Archie, loving Mum of Jane and cherished Granny of Keri, Lucy and Jack. Much loved Sister of Alan and Susan. Lynda will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th March at 11:20am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

THORLEY IRENE
24th February 2019
Died peacefully aged 74 years.
Irene will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service and committal to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 8th March 2019 at 1.45pm.

Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

DYSON (NEE TREHARNE) IRENE DAWN
Passed away on 22nd February 2019 at her wonderful home Margaret Roper, surrounded by loving friends.
Will be greatly missed by Sister Wendy and Brothers Peter and Tony. A sad loss to Son Frank and Granddaughter Jessica. She will be sadly missed by all her family and all her friends. Irene was a very smart lady, well made up and ready to shop. RIP.
Funeral service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 11.20am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Margaret Roper Staff Fund. Further enquires to Moisters Funeral Directors, 25A Sefton Street. Southport PR8 6SG. Tel 01704 501 501.

GILBERT JEAN
After a long illness in a care home on 21st February 2019.
Dearly beloved Wife of the late Dr S. F. Gilbert (Gil) Much loved Mother of Paula Ann Gilbert. Dear Sister of Frank Airey. Jean will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 2.40pm. The family wish bright colours to be worn. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

ACLAND HAROLD
Saturday 2nd March 2019, Suddenly but peacefully in Hospital Aged 82 Years
Dearly Loved Dad to Dave, Janet and Alan. Devoted Grandad to Jessica, Jack and Albert.
Hal will be sadly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. An exceptional family man and outstanding father and role model.
Hal's Funeral Service is to be held at St. Thomas's Church, Lydiate on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 1:00pm followed by Interment in the churchyard.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired in memory of Hal will be gratefully received for The Roy Castle Lung Foundation.
For all enquiries, please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

DEATHS

HOUGHTON WINNIE EVA
On 25th February 2019 Peacefully in Hospital Aged 96 Years
R.I.P.
Beloved Wife of the late Joe, loving Step Mother of Joan, much loved Granny of Andrew, and a dear Auntie.
Requiem Mass will take place at St Annes Church Ormskirk on Tuesday 12th March at 12:00 noon, followed by the committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for North West Air Ambulance. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

HILL JOHN
21st February 2019 Peacefully at Birchgreen Nursing Home Aged 96 years.
Reunited with his much loved Wife Hilda Mary and Son David. John will be sadly be missed by all his family and friends.
Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 1.20pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to The Gurkha Welfare Trust c/o H Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

MENZIES BARBARA
21 - 02 - 2019
A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Barbara will take place at Lathom Park Chapel on Saturday 16th March at 11:00am. All welcome. Donations in lieu of Flowers please in Memory of Barbara for Lathom Park Chapel and Guiding.

All enquiries to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancs, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

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HOUGHTON AUDREY MAY
24th February 2019 aged 91 years
Passed away peacefully after a short illness
Loving Wife of the late Wilfred. Devoted Mum to Elaine and Nigel. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th March 2019 at 10.40am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Age UK.
All enquiries to: Hunters of Ormskirk 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

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ANDERTON JOHN (JACK)

Sylvia and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dr Chang, District Nurses, Queenscourt Hospice and Social Services for their care of Jack.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HIBLE RITA JOAN

Rita's family wish to express their thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their messages of sympathy during their sad loss. Thanks also to Southport Hospital Ward 14b Staff and The Beaufort Care Home Staff. Thanks to Hunters Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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PRESCOTT JOHN ROY

Roy's family would like to express their sincere thanks to all family and friends for their kindness, support and messages of condolence. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a special day. Special thanks to Rev Paul Robinson for his kind words and support. To all the medical/health workers who took such good care of Roy in his final days. And to Nicky for looking after Roy so well for the past five years. Thank you to everyone for the kind donations towards Diabetes UK. Also thanks to Sally and the team at MLS for their continued help and support.

WEBB GORDON

Hilary and family would like to express their heartfelt and sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their beautiful flowers, sympathy cards, messages and donations received for The Guide Dogs for the Blind received during their recent sad loss. Thanks for the overwhelming support and attendance at the funeral service for Gordon, to Carol Edwards for her kind words of comfort. Grateful thanks to The Hallenshaw Hospital, Sheffield, Southport Hospital, Stocks Hall Nursing Home. Burscough and Sally and Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their care throughout.

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DEATHS

HARRISON HERBERT ALFRED 'BERT'

After a long illness peacefully
25th February 2019
aged 92 years

Much loved Husband of Mildred. Much Loved Dad of Val and Cliff. Dear Father-in-Law to Tracey. Loving Grandad of James, Samantha, and Claire. Loving Brother of Vida. A much loved Uncle of all his Nieces and Nephews. Bert will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral service will take place at Ormskirk Parish Church, Church Street, Ormskirk on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 10:45am, followed by Committal in West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough, L40 7SP. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations on RNLI (Royal National Life Boat Institution) Further enquiries please to: Ormskirk Co-operative Funeralcare, 22C Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244

STANLEY ROBERT JOHN

2nd March 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 82 years
of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Husband of the late Sylvia, loving Dad of Paul, Tina, John, Gary, Julie and David and devoted Grandad to all his Grand and Great Grandchildren. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

RIMMER RONALD (GERALD)

2nd March 2019
Age 90 Years
Former Southport Shrimper

Died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. Loving Husband of Jean. Dad to Linda, David and Janet. Father In Law to David, Alyson and Bruce. Adored Grandad to Katherine, Laura, Sarah, Emily, Charlotte, Nicholas and Jonathan. A Great Grandfather to Fredrick.

Family Flowers Only, Donations to: Banks Brass Band Queens Court Hospice Southport Lifeboat

Funeral service to take place at Banks Methodist Church at 10.30am, parking available at Brialee Garden Centre, Chapel Lane, Banks, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium on Saturday 9th March 2019 at 12.15pm.

Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone: 01772 811165

JACKSON MARGARET MARY

1st March 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 89 years
of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Wife of the late Ronald Jackson and Frank Keenan (deceased) and loving Mum of Stephen. Requiem Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Scarisbrick on Friday 15th March 2019 at 11:00am followed by interment at Yew Tree Cemetery, Liverpool. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice or Arthritis Care. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

MOORCROFT TOM

27th February 2019
aged 84 years

Dearly loved Husband of Denise and the late Peggy. Loving Dad to Katherine, Andrew, Ian and Stepdad of Stephen and Gareth. Dear Grandad of David, Rebecca, Christopher, James, Lucy, Emily and Tiny Ted. Tom will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 12th March at 1pm, followed by memorial service at Burscough Methodist, Orrell Lane, Burscough at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations would be gratefully received for Cancer Research U.K. c/o Hunters of Ormskirk Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St Ormskirk, L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

JONES RAYMOND

20th February 2019
Passed away
suddenly in hospital
aged 80 years
of Upholland

Beloved Husband of Freda. Devoted Dad of Andrew and a dear Father-in-law of Sara. "Will be sadly missed by all that knew him." A funeral service and committal will be held at Southport Crematorium on Monday 11th march at 11.20am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The North West Air Ambulance c/o and all enquiries to: W.Banks of Orrell, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell, Wigan WN5 8UP Tel: 01695 622272

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DEATHS

SEGAR JIM

22nd February 2019
Aged 81 years.

Beloved Husband of the late Eileen, loving Dad of Philip, Gary and Wendy, Father-in-law of Samantha, Richard and Karen. Dearly loved Grandad of Rhiannon, Emily, Ryan, Holly and Becky. Jim will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 8th March at 2:40pm. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Queenscourt Hospice and British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

WHITEHEAD PHILIP

On 23rd February 2019
Suddenly in Hospital
Aged 83 Years

Dearly loved Husband for 50 years of Anne. A Private Funeral service took place at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being collected for the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust. Further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

ADAMS TONY

20th February 2019

Peacefully in Southport, surrounded by family. Tony, Son of Ellen and the late Roy. Much Loved partner of Sara and Father of Sara Jane, Anthony, Michael, Patrick and Lauren. Funeral Service and Committal to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 12.15pm. Family Flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG, Telephone Number: 01704 501501.

GRIFFIN ALAN

27th February 2019
Passed away peacefully
at home aged 82

Much loved Husband of Patricia, loving Dad of John, Amanda, Christopher and James. Alan will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service to be held at All Saints with St Frideswydes Church, Crosby, on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 2.30pm followed by a private cremation at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o H Leslie, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel 0151 924 4805

DEATHS

VICKERS ELIZABETH (BETTY)

27th February 2019
Peacefully at her
home in Ormskirk
aged 86 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Hugh, loving Mum of Pauline, Philip and Tim and devoted Grandma of John, Clare, Mark, Robert, Christopher, Adrian and Adele. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 11th March 2019 at 10:45am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for North West Air Ambulance. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

BUCKLAND LILY

27th February 2019
Aged 90 years

Much loved and devoted Wife of the late Alan Forrester Buckland. Darling Mum of Alison and Auntie to Judith. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 11th March at 2:40pm. Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for RNLI. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

SHEVILL JOHN

On 22 February 2019
Peacefully but suddenly
at Home
Aged 86 years

Reunited with his beloved wife Stella. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 11th March at 10:40am. No flowers by request, but donations are being collected for Masonic Charities. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG.

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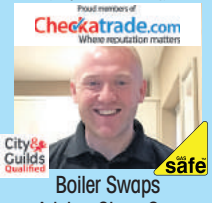

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Historic moment!

I WAS a bit disappointed that yesterday didn't begin with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight thundering through the skies overhead, *writes David Simister.*

Church bells across the country would've rung out in unison, followed by politicians of all parties breaking off from the Brexit negotiations to offer congratulatory speeches, and schoolchildren would've been invited to send in their drawings and paintings marking the big moment.

Perhaps I'm over-egging it a bit, but a panel of motoring experts have finally freed themselves from the shackles of sensibleness and voted in a Jaguar as European Car of the Year.

It's an historic moment – although probably not one that requires the entire nation to break out the Union Flag bunting and hold street parties in a patriotic frenzy – because never before has a Jag won.

You might find it hard to believe, but the original XJ6 didn't even come close. Nor did the XK8. In fact, the only Jaguars that got within sniffing distance were the X-type (beaten by the erm, Peugeot 307), and the XE two years ago, which finished third.

So I'm glad that the I-Pace has finally walked off with the silverware, and not just because it gives a manufacturer staring in the face of 4,500 painful job cuts a much-needed shot of adrenaline.

It shows that, for a change, the collective opinion went with the car that genuinely moved the game on the most, as the I-Pace has done with zero-emissions electric cars what the Mk2 did with stuffy small saloons.

It made them genuinely, want-one desirable.

The other big surprise was that – had it not been for a pre-agreed clause in the rules – it would have been joint winner with a sports car, in the form of Alpine's A110.

In other words, a panel of judges that has a habit of picking family hatchbacks as worthy-but-boring winners gave a £46,000, two-seater Cayman rival what would be a contest-winning amount of points.

The last time they did anything that brave was more than 40 years ago, when the Porsche 928 won.

What all that means is that European Car of the Year just got interesting again – finally it feels like there's a realistic chance that a Porsche or Lotus might walk off with the coveted rear window sticker, rather than being relegated to third place by a brace of hybrid hatchbacks. Imagine if the new TVR Griffith won it next year?

It doesn't seem so far-fetched anymore.

In the meantime, it means that the I-Pace is not only a proper Jag that just happens to be zero-emissions too, but it means that a bunch of motoring writers far better than this one agree that it's award-winningly good too. Makes up for the Peugeot 307 winning, and all that…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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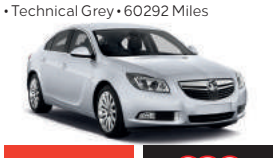

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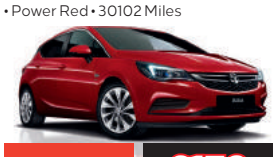

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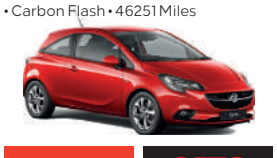

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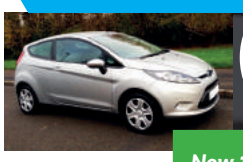

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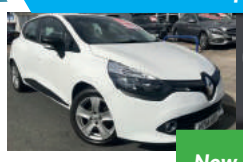

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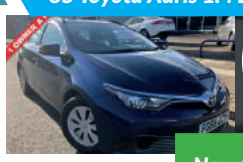

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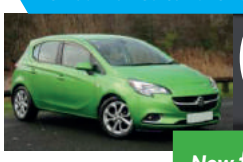

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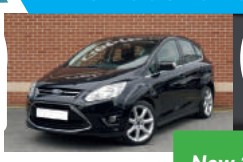

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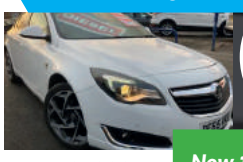

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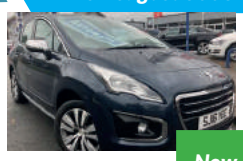

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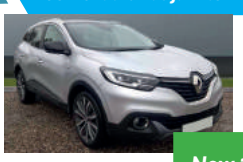

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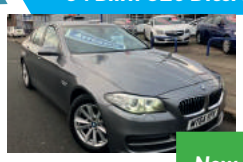

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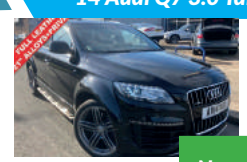

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High five for Burscough after Finlayson hits hat-trick

Burscough 5
Barnoldswick Town 0

A QUICK-fire Conor Finlayson hat-trick helped Burscough put five past Barnoldswick Town for a comfortable victory.

But it was a success that came at a cost, as centre-forward Chad Whyte and midfielder Dimitri Nkusu-Wasaulua both limped off the Victoria Park pitch injured.

In the fifth minute Cummings intercepted a loose pass near the halfway line and ran on and when he entered the penalty area he held off a defender and created an angle before stroking the ball into the net under goalkeeper Livesey.

It took Barnoldswick until the 12th minute to construct a viable attack, but after a foul on Zach Dale, James Crorken's free-kick was safely held by Burscough goalkeeper Ben Fletcher.

The half became pretty closely contested from the quarter-hour and Town right-winger Dale crossed into a forest of legs in the Linnets goal-mouth on 17 minutes but eventually the ball was hacked clear.

Burscough doubled their lead on 24 minutes and Cummings who was having an outstanding game was very much involved.

The number seven drove a cross into the box from the right, Crorken who was being led a merry dance by Cummings put his hands up to protect his face and a penalty was given for handball.

Chad Whyte stepped up and did what he does best slamming the ball into the net to make it 2-0.

Barnoldswick are a good side and they went onto the attack, they got the ball into the Linnets net on 29 minutes but centre-forward and scorer Jack Coop was given offside.

Seconds before half-time the visitors had a chance to close the arrears when Dale cut in from the right and put a powerful shot in from six yards, but Fletcher put up his arms and diverted the point blank effort over the crossbar.

It could have been 2-1 and a close game but less than a minute after the interval it was 3-0. Cummings cut inside again and put in a shot, Livesey saved it but the rebound went to Finlayson who finished clinically.

In the 57th minute Finlayson bagged his second of the afternoon.

It came from a Cummings ball across the pitch was missed by a Barnoldswick defender and the Linnets number ten pounced, Livesey saved his initial effort but Finlayson made no mistake with the rebound.

On the hour Finlayson completed his 14 minute hat-trick and killed all hope from a Barnoldswick perspective, Whyte flicked the ball over the backline and between two defenders Finlayson netted to make it 5-0.

Skem suffer costly defeat against relegation rivals

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 0
Glossop North End 3

SKELMERSDALE United are on the brink of falling into the North-West Counties League next season after losing against relegation rivals Glossop North End.

Safety could still be achieved, but it would require a near miracle and realistically Skem require around 18 or 19 points from their last nine league games to be in with a chance.

This is a daunting prospect, particularly as Skem have only amassed nine points from 29 games.

Four changes were made to the Skelmersdale starting 11 for the crucial visit of the former Football League Division One side from Derbyshire. Goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman, left-back James O'Hara, defender Jordan Tyrer and forward Joel Douglas donned blue starting shirts, plus a few positional changes.

Both teams knew that this was a real 'six pointer' and that possibly contributed to the healthy crowd of 159 at Volair Park.

Sadly for Skem the game couldn't have got off much worse after they conceded a goal after only six minutes.

Peter Boyle went down due to a challenge by Matthew Coughlin and a free kick was given around 25 yards from goal slightly to the left of the semi-circle.

Jack Touhy curled a right-foot shot over the Skelmersdale defensive wall and inside goalkeeper Kirkman's right-hand post to make it 1-0.

Buoyed by the goal Glossop continued to press and they went very close again from a right-wing corner, the six foot plus Moussa Samassa rising to fire a header that was going inside the goal, however, Coughlin made amends for giving the earlier free-kick away by making an excellent goal-line clearance.

Skelmersdale responded by getting a free-kick for a foul on Sean Yeldrem, but Paul Cliff's free-kick went over the crossbar.

On the half-hour Glossop doubled their lead. Initially former Skem forward Dominic Marie was put in on goal and Kirkman did well to keep him out with his legs. But the ball ran into space and was pounced on by Boyle, the Glossop number nine slotting the ball low into the net to make it 2-0.

Skem's Joel Douglas goes down under a challenge. Picture by John Driscoll

The game then went end to end for a while and Cliff put a good ball through for Douglas, who delayed his shot and was tackled.

Skelmersdale lacked the confidence to put any sustained pressure on the Glossop goal while the more experienced Glossop side defended well.

Glossop started to assert themselves again and but for a good save by Kirkman they might well have got their third goal. Marie went through and laid the ball off the Mason Duffy, Kirkman saved at his feet and from the rebound Boyle saw his shot blocked by Tom Grimshaw.

Up the other end, after latching onto a wayward pass Skelmersdale substitute Danny McLoughlin had two efforts blocked by Glossop defenders, then Yeldrem couldn't connect with the ball during a scramble in the Glossop area.

In the 72nd minute Glossop sealed Skem's fate. A corner was driven in from the left, Kirkman flapped at the ball and Jack O'Leary headed firmly into the net from the six yard line.

Glossop sat on their valuable lead and saw Skem's attacking attempts off.

Although McLoughlin put a shot just wide from 25 yards it was Glossop's game, they were a bigger stronger, more experienced side than Skem and it made all the difference in the end.

Time running out to pull off unlikely escape from drop zone

BOTH West Lancashire based clubs have away games this weekend.

Skelmersdale United will head up the M65 to play Colne and Burscough will go in the opposite direction down the M6 to play 1874 Northwich at Winsford United's ground.

Those travelling to East Lancashire with Skelmersdale on Saturday will be hoping the weather is good, as Colne's Holt House stadium is rather exposed to the elements with it being on high ground.

It will be Skem's second attempt to complete the fixture as in December the two teams met and the game was abandoned goalless at half-time due to a severe rain storm.

It will be a tough one though for Paul McNally's struggling outfit as Colne currently sit in seventh place in the Evo-Stik Division One West table on 51 points and harbour serious hopes of achieving a finishing spot in the top five and hence participation in the promotion play-offs.

Skelmersdale will have played last night (Tuesday, March 5) at home to Kendal Town, a game they have got to win.

Skem don't have another midweek game scheduled this month and they are away again on Saturday, March 16 when they play a first ever way league game at Widnes, who are managed by popular former Skelmersdale players Kevin Towey and Steve Akrigg.

It will be the fourth time that Burscough have played 1874 Northwich this season and the two teams have yet to generate a winner over 90 minutes.

A 2-2 and 3-3 draw in the FA Cup back in August saw Burscough return home celebrating a victory on penalties, then at Victoria Park back in October they drew 1-1, Chad Whyte scoring for the Linnets. So a close game is expected as the two dual for supremacy.

Centre-forward Whyte will be a doubt for the game as he is suffering with a hip injury and was substituted just after the hour mark in Saturday's 5-0 win at home to Barnoldswick Town, although it is thought that he started the game with the injury and played through the pain barrier for those sixty plus minutes.

A more certain absentee will be Dimitri Nkusu-Wasaulua, who came off the pitch just before half-time on Saturday. He confirmed after the game that he had injured his hamstring and thought it would take a couple of weeks to get that right again.

Burscough don't have a midweek game this week or next week and their next game after the Northwich trip will be at home to West Didsbury & Chorlton on Saturday, March 16.

The relegation strugglers from Manchester are managed by former Burscough and Skelmersdale United manager Dave Powell, so it should be an interesting afternoon, there will be more about that game in next week's Champion.

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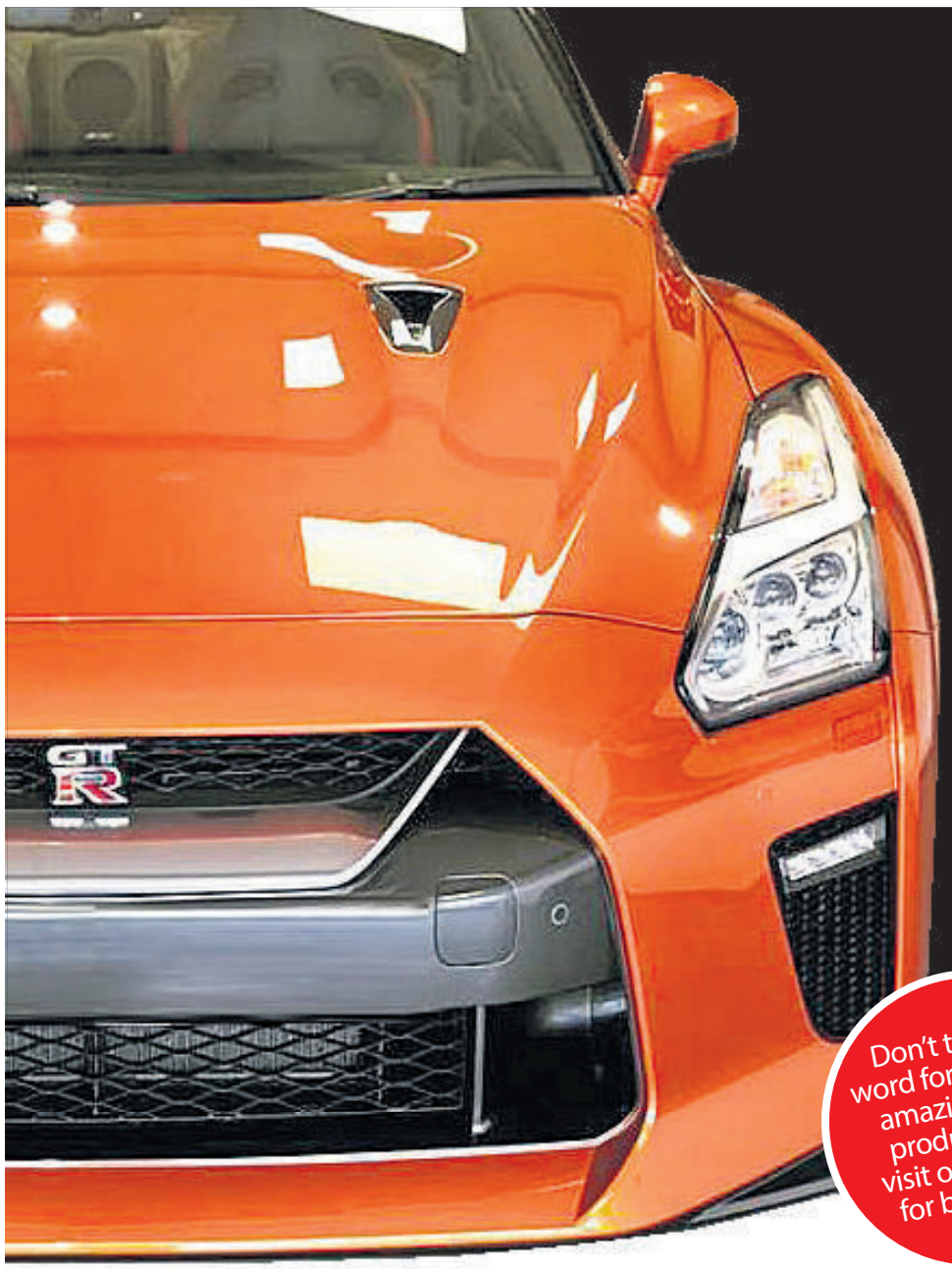

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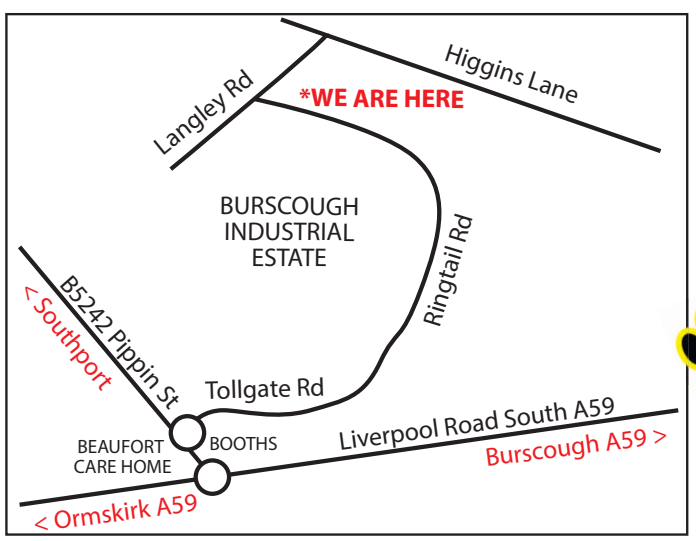

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